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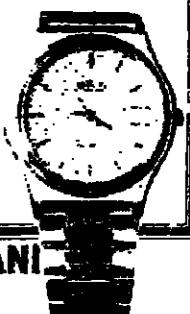
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168 bodies recovered: US investigators head for Gulf

Iran vows revenge for plane shooting

NICOSIA, July 4, (Reuters): Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini urged Iranians today to join an all-out war against America and its allies.

Iran today also protested to the United Nations about the shooting down over the Gulf by US forces of one of its airliners carrying 290 people.

Meanwhile, US President Reagan today called the US downing of the Iranian passenger jet an "understandable accident."

"We should all rush to the front for a full-fledged war against America and its surrogates," Khomeini said in his first reaction to the US downing of an Iranian airliner yesterday.

He said the attack was a warning to all air travellers.

Condolences

He offered condolences to relatives of victims of the Iran Air Airbus A-300.

Khomeini's statement was in response to a message by his designated successor, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, who had asked him to order attacks on US interests throughout the world in revenge.

The call came as Tehran observed a nationwide day of mourning today.

Earlier today, President Ali Khamenei called President Reagan a murderer and said the attack on the Iranian airliner, in which 66 children were travelling, was a "savage and ruthless crime."

The US government should bear responsibility for any repercussions for their "catastrophic



Picture released by the Qatar News Agency taken from television and claiming to show the Iranian Airbus being approached from behind by unidentified object claimed to be the US missile which hit the airliner. (Reuter wirephoto)

act", he said.

Tehran Radio said in a commentary that the attack would be avenged "in the same blood-spattered skies of the Gulf."

Iranian television showed dozens of bodies in a morgue in Bandar Abbas, among the 168 it said searchers had recovered from Gulf waters.

Iran said there were 274 passengers — 156 men, 52 women, 57 children between ages two and 12, and nine infants — and 16 crew members in the plane.

Searching

It said the bodies of 38 foreigners were among those recovered, including eight Indians, eight Pakistanis, six Yugoslavs, two Kuwaitis, one Italian and one Afghan.

Many bodies were dragged

through the water tied together with rope by boats already full of corpses. They were then taken to temporary morgues on the Iranian mainland.

An Iranian Navy commander said the debris of the airliner scattered over a wide area after the mid-air explosion, and some bodies were retrieved five miles (eight km) away from the crash site, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said.

The commander said Iranian Navy frogmen were searching 34 yards (m) deep in coastal waters to find shrapnel from the missiles fired at the airliner.

Iran Air cancelled all flights between Bandar Abbas and Dubai until further notice.

In Washington, Reagan said: "I won't minimise the tragedy. We all know it was a tragedy."

"But we're talking about an

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Banging his head for his family

MANAMA, July 4, (AP): One man seemed to lose his mind yesterday among the dozens of people shouting and clamouring for news at the Iran Air office in downtown Dubai.

He had lost 11 family members — eight children, his wife, her brother and his wife — aboard the Iran Air jetliner.

"The man just went out of his mind, going from pillar to post and banging his head," said a witness reached by telephone in the UAE. "He has lost his mind."

The witness, a shipping executive in the bustling port of Dubai in the southern Gulf, said the man is an Iranian and owned a supermarket called "Hormuz" after the strait.

The Iran Air office is not far from the Hormuz supermarket or the office of the shipping executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Distraught Iranians gathered at Dubai airport for news of relatives who were aboard the Iranian Airbus. (Reuter wirephoto)

American embassies on full alert around the world

WASHINGTON, July 4, (Reuters): The US military insists Iran must share blame for the destruction of an Iranian jetliner while American embassies around the globe were on full alert today for possible retaliation.

The United States says its downing of the Iran Air Airbus A-300 yesterday was an accident, but says it is conducting a full investigation.

US experts said a major question to be answered was how the cruiser USS Vincennes, using the Navy's most sophisticated radar missile system, mistook the airliner for a much smaller warplane.

Share

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, and thus America's top military man, said Iran must share blame for the incident by allowing the airliner to fly into the midst of a battle between Iranian gunboats and US ships.

Iran rejected the US explana-

tion that the shootdown was an accident, saying the airliner was in a normal commercial corridor on a flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, and vowed revenge.

The State Department said it had placed US embassies worldwide on alert and ordered appropriate security precautions.

"We deeply regret the loss of life here, but that commanding officer (Captain Will Rogers) had a very heavy obligation to protect his ship, his people," Crowe told reporters yesterday.

Mistake

"If a country is going to wage combat operations in a certain area and then send a commercial airliner into the area during that, of course it's an accident waiting to happen," he said.

US defence experts said the Aegis missile system was not likely to mistake a wide-bodied airliner for a relatively small F-14 fighter.

They said the system's computers can track the course,

speed and radar signature of more than 200 targets at a range of up to 240 miles.

But Crowe said that despite the system's sophistication, it was still difficult for the crew to tell one radar blip from another, particularly in battle and with little time to respond.

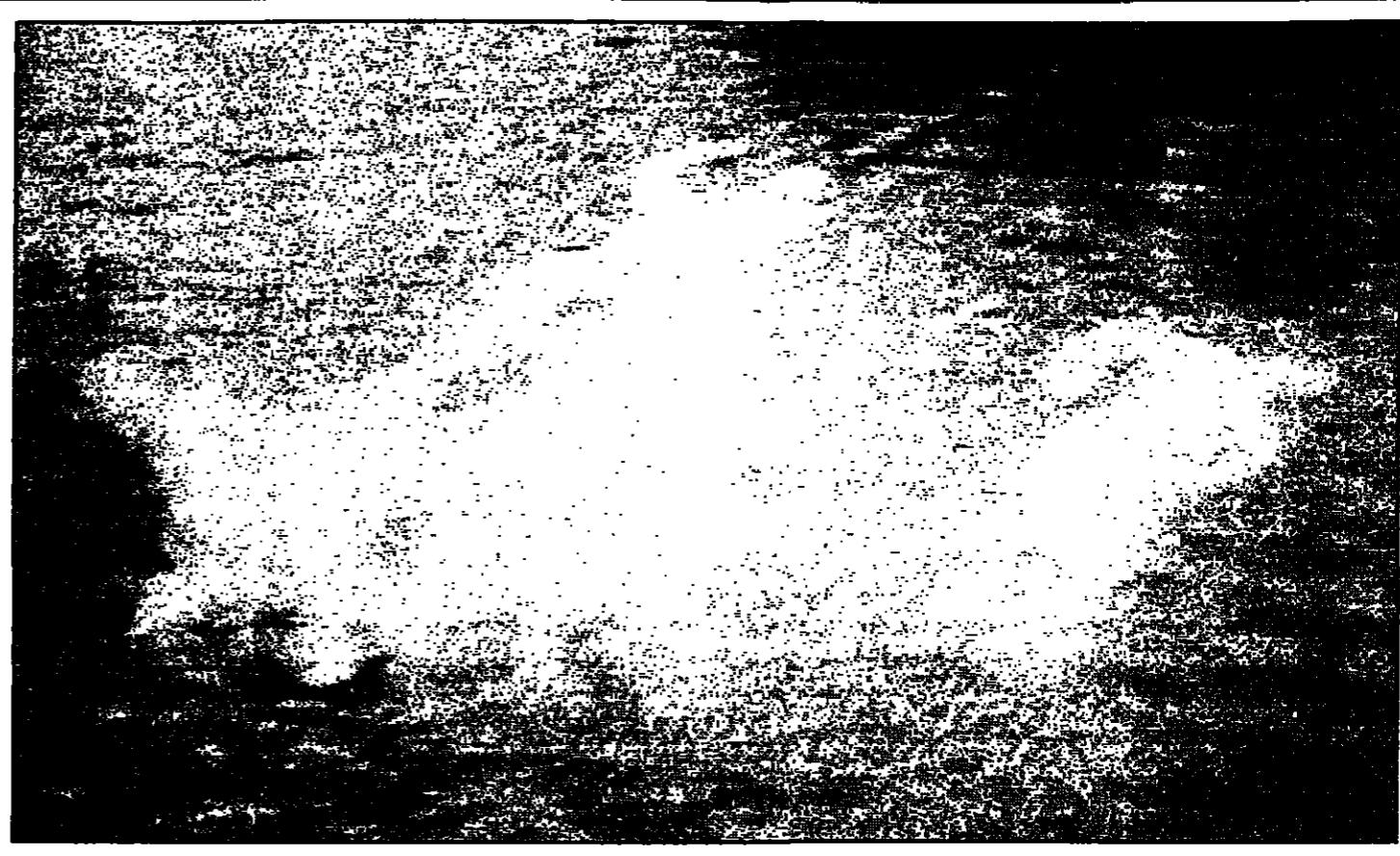
Warnings

Officers aboard an Italian frigate in the Gulf confirmed US reports that the ill-fated Iranian Airbus yesterday failed to answer several radio warnings and appeared to be off-course, the Naval Ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman said the officers, monitoring radar screens, said the airliner "appeared to be slightly outside the space reserved for commercial traffic."

He said the officers on board the frigate Espero, on escort duties in the Gulf, heard the US cruiser USS Vincennes tell the aircraft to identify itself and change course several times.

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Bodies of killed passengers of the ill-fated Iranian jetliner being recovered. (Reuter wirephoto)

Kuwait urges end to Gulf war

Friends and foes criticise US

LONDON, July 4, (Agencies): The United States faced widespread criticism from friends and foes yesterday for shooting down an Iranian civilian jetliner carrying 290 people amid suggestions the incident might jeopardise the safety of Western hostages in Lebanon.

Governments around the world also said that the incident underscores the need to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Western diplomats in Beirut said they feared American and British hostages held in the Lebanese capital were at greater risk.

Regretted

"Therefore, Kuwait issues an urgent appeal for doubling efforts with the aim of speeding up an end to this tragic war that continues to rage between two Muslim neighbours and restoring stability and peace in this vital region of the world."

The Foreign Ministry statement was the first official comment by any of the Gulf states menaced by the nearly eight-year-old war.

Kuwait has received with deep regret and sorrow the news of the shooting down of a civilian Iranian aircraft by US naval units which have been clashing with Iranian gunboats when the jetliner flew over the area, the Kuwaiti statement said.

While Kuwait extends its condolences to the Iranian government and people and relatives of the victims, it emphasises that such a tragic incident has been the result of the continuation of tension in this area where more painful incidents could take place," it said.

Appeal

Kuwait yesterday issued an "urgent appeal" for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and warned that "more painful incidents" will occur if the conflict drags on.

The Foreign Ministry statement was the first official comment by any of the Gulf states menaced by the nearly eight-year-old war.

A Moscow Radio commentator said the shooting down of the airliner was a "deliberate mass murder" and rejected US

accounts that the tragedy was an accident.

But an official statement issued by the Tass news agency and read at a news conference by Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov appeared aimed at avoiding dramatic accusations against the United States.

The tragedy yet again confirms that the American fleet will leave the waters of the Gulf without delay," the statement said.

China, Pakistan, Syria, Libya and Poland condemned the shooting down of the plane.

Opposed

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, in Beijing's first official reaction to the incident, said China was "shocked to learn that a US warship shot down with missiles an Iranian airliner in the Gulf region."

"We condemn this action and express our condolences for the victims," the spokesman said in a statement.

"We reiterate that the Chinese government is opposed to big

power military involvement in the Gulf region," he said. "Such involvement is not conducive to peace and stability in the region."

Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq condemned the act as highly regrettable and reprehensible.

At least eight Pakistanis, including Islamabad's military attaché in Tehran, were among the 290 people killed.

Reflects

"We urge the government of the United States to initiate a full inquiry into the incident and duly punish those responsible for this unpardonable act," Zia said.

Syria, Iran's main Arab ally in its war with Iraq, said the act was an ugly crime.

"This criminal action, which reflects a disdain of human lives, uncovers the dangers of the continuation of foreign fleets' presence in the Gulf," an official statement said.

"While condemning this ugly crime, Syria calls on the world community to counter such

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Israel closes all W. Bank schools

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 4, (Reuters): Israel closed all 1,200 schools in the occupied West Bank today in a move to curb protests and Palestinians demonstrated against an Israeli archaeological excavation they said encroached on Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.

Brigadier-General Shaike Erez, the West Bank administrator, said the schools' 300,000 students would go without classes for three days from tomorrow. Israel reopened the schools only last month after closures of up to five months.

"We will close the schools because students aren't studying but demonstrating," Erez told reporters. He called the action a warning to residents that such behaviour was unacceptable.

The Army reported demonstrations by Palestinians across the West Bank, notably in the Bethlehem area, where Israel Radio said troops fired teargas to disperse student protesters.

Palestinians said they were protesting against an Israeli excavation in Jerusalem yesterday that Muslim leaders said threatened to encroach on the nearby Al Aqsa mosque, one of Islam's holiest shrines.

Co-ordinate

Israeli officials agreed to postpone the work for several weeks and to co-ordinate work with the Waqf Islamic Trust, which owns the disputed area.

Demonstrations by stone-throwing crowds erupted in Arab centres from Nablus and Kalkilya to Ramallah and Bethlehem in the West Bank, and several schools closed in protest. Armed forces radio reported light demonstrations in Jerusalem.

24 killed as fighting flares in Beirut camp

BEIRUT, July 4, (AP): At least 24 people were killed after fighting between rival Palestinian commando groups erupted with artillery shells pulverising the Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp today, according to police.

They said 67 others were wounded in the fighting which broke out at 5 am (0200 GMT) between Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah uprising and Fatah commandos loyal to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO.

That raised the known casualty toll since fighting broke out on May 1 to at least 151 killed and 594 wounded.

Several bodies littered the terrain along the camp's edges as the two warring factions launched a series of attacks and counter-attacks, witnesses said.

Lull

"The shelling is the worst we've had in years" said a woman who took advantage of a relative lull in the bombardment around noon to flee Bourj Al Barajneh.

Sultan Abul-Ainen, Fatah's commander in Bourj Al Barajneh, said 25 people, most of them women and children, were wounded when a 160mm mortar slammed into an entrance of a bomb shelter.

Police said they were among

Sabah in Syria

DAMASCUS, July 4, (Reuters): Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed arrived in Damascus today for talks aimed at helping end fighting between Palestinian factions in Beirut camps.

He was carrying a message to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad from HH the Amir of Kuwait.

Sheikh Sabah delivered a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday.

the 67 wounded in today's fighting.

The fighting shattered a week-long lull in the inter-Palestinian war for control of the Beirut camp.

Mousa's fighters overran the Shatila camp on June 27 and had vowed to move into Bourj Al Barajneh in an attempt to crush Arafat's forces in the Lebanon capital.

At times shells and rockets rained at a rate of 20 a minute on the sprawling shantytown on Beirut's southern outskirts, police said.

They said the fighting forced the closing of the Beirut airport highway, which abuts Bourj Al Barajneh. Flight schedules were not affected and travellers got to the airport through sidestreets.

Columns of thick black smoke billowed from the camp.

INTERNATIONAL

Soviets record more than 50 hijack bids

MOSCOW, July 4. (UPI): The Soviet Union has had more than 50 airplane hijack attempts in the last 15 years, civil aviation authorities said.

Mikhail Timofeyev, deputy head of civil aviation, told the *Trud* newspaper the great majority of the skyjackings were foiled often with the help of crews and special commando squads on the ground.

"Beginning in 1970, hijackings became a serious problem for many national carriers in the world," Timofeyev said in the newspaper interview.

"As far as the Soviet situation, it is rather complex," he said. "There were more than 50 attempts to hijack Aeroflot planes inside the country in the last 15 years."

Until Timofeyev's disclosures, previous estimates had put the number of hijacks in the country since the mid-1950s at about 40 including both Aeroflot and military aircraft.

In addition, Timofeyev said that airport counterchecks in the country have detected and confiscated hundreds of small arms, explosive devices and even grenades.

Motives

Timofeyev discounted political motives for the hijackings, saying most of the attempts to seize aircraft were by mentally sick people.

In the most recent hijacking attempt in the Soviet Union, in March, a musical family rock group from Siberia, the Ovechkins, smuggled explosives and sawed-off shotguns on board inside their instrument cases in an attempt to get to Britain.

Soviet special squads finally stormed the plane near Leningrad, killing 11 people, including five of the hijackers, ending the drama that began in Irkutsk.

Palestinians proceed to Makkah

Israel makes haj difficult for Arabs

ALLENBY BRIDGE, Occupied West Bank, July 4. (AP): About 5,000 Muslims from Israel will make the pilgrimage or "Hajj" this month, the highest number since 1977 when Saudi Arabia first permitted Israeli Arabs to visit Makkah.

In the Arab uprising has reduced the number of pilgrims from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to 1,300, down 75 percent from last year. Palestinians blamed tight pocket-books and extra exit restrictions imposed by Israel to quell the uprising.

Doctors

Zvulun Orlev, the director-general of Religious Affairs Ministry, cited Israel's religious tolerance and reminded the audience of persecution suffered by Jews.

He also said this year's pilgrimage was overshadowed by last year's riots in Makkah that "demanded a high price in blood and desecrated the most sacred site of Islam."

Jaber, dressed in a white robe and prayer cap, spoke in the parking lot of the Allenby Bridge checkpoint where about 25 buses carrying pilgrims waited to make the crossing into Jordan.

Checks

"It hurts my heart that so many of my brothers cannot go this year," said Ali Mohammed Jaber, 35, from the Arab village of Taibeh. "I will pray for them and for peace everywhere in the Muslim world."

Jaber, dressed in a white robe and prayer cap, spoke in the parking lot of the Allenby Bridge checkpoint where about 25 buses carrying pilgrims waited to make the crossing into Jordan.

"I'm lucky I wasn't there last year," said Abed Guana, 49, from Taibeh, who is embarking

Around him, other white-robed pilgrims stood amid their belongings to prepare for a last security check. The parking lot was filled with suitcases, bedrolls, and plastic yellow shopping baskets containing Arab pita bread and olives.

The Arab pilgrims leave for Makkah during a three-day period ending Wednesday and must return by early August.

According to the Muslim lunar calendar, the pilgrimage month is expected to begin July 14. The high point of the Haj marking Abraham's sacrifice of his son should fall on July 22.

Pilgrims must get special permits to pass through Jordan. Both Jordan and Saudi Arabia are technically at war with Israel. Israeli officials barred pilgrims from returning with more than \$1,200 to block the flow of funds that might be used to finance the nearly 7-month-old uprising, Israel Radio reported.

Udi Bahat, a spokesman for the Religious Affairs Ministry, said the number of Arab pilgrims was up 20 percent from last year. He cited as reasons for the increase the Islamic revival in the Middle East and the fact that Israel this year reduced the minimum age for pilgrims from 35 to 30.

consider an Israeli attempt to dig a passageway below the mosque, that would give orthodox Jews access to the area. The Israelis said the tunnel was an archaeological dig that would not be open for public use.

The entire Islamic nation, with all its peoples and rulers, will be responsible before God and history for this indifference to the aggression on Jerusalem and the continuing and criminal aggression of the Palestinians," the Al Azhar chief said in his statement.

Hundreds of Palestinians rioted in old Jerusalem yesterday, protesting against what they

which violated the sanctity of Al Aqsa Mosque by digging tunnels below it.

Al Aqsa Mosque is Islam's third holiest shrine, ranking next only to holy spots in Makkah and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

The statement also urged the Arab leaders to provide "material, political and moral support for the Palestinians to confront this Israeli intransigence."

Twelve of the injured remained hospitalised today, including two men who each lost a leg in the explosion.

There have been more than 90 bombings in South Africa since a national state of emergency was declared on June 12, 1986. But the rate for 1988 is nearly double that for the previous years, with 27 explosions resulting in 12 deaths and 112 injuries since January.

The African National Congress said recently it intended to step up its military campaign and some of its top officials referred to bringing suffering to the white community, but the organisation seldom comments on individual bombings.

The ANC officials referred to the possibility of attacks on "soft" targets, and South African commentators suggest there has been an increase in bombings aimed at civilians. But

from the beginning of the emergency most of the bombings have been set near civilian facilities. The first, on June 14, 1986, killed three women and injured 69 people when it exploded outside a bar on a Durban beachfront boulevard.

The next bombings occurred in a toilet at a stadium in the black township of Soweto; at a Wimpy's hamburger restaurant and in a hotel-business complex in downtown Johannesburg; and in a trashcan outside a drugstore.

The organisation's policy of laying mines on farm roads in northern Transvaal province abruptly ended in mid-1987. The ANC had said the mines were aimed at military targets because white farmers were part of the Army's border defence system.

But of the 11 deaths from 17 explosions since the emergency, 10 were blacks, mostly farm labourers.

ASHLEY SCOTT

The Princess of Wales chats with three-year-old Ashley Scott after being presented with flowers by the child following the opening of the "Mother and Baby Unit" at a Crisis Intervention Centre in London. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Space shuttle rolls out

US marks Independence Day

NEW YORK, July 4. (AP):

America began celebrating the Fourth of July with a flag-waving ceremony for the rollout of space shuttle Discovery and the approach of the nation's return to space, in a mostly sunny holiday.

"America, the dream is still alive," astronaut Dave Hilmers told a crowd of several hundred engineers, technicians and others at Kennedy Space Centre.

But around the country, drought left many Americans facing a fair-weather holiday without fireworks as the nation marked its 212th birth with parades, food fests and other fun.

In Philadelphia, where the

Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, festivities were to feature the freedom festival parade, with high school bands from across America. A ceremony was scheduled later on the steps of Independence Hall, scene of the historic signing.

City officials on Sunday announced the creation of the Philadelphia liberty medal, an annual \$100,000 prize to be given each July fourth to someone in the world who has promoted freedom.

Tens of thousands of people were expected Monday night for an annual fireworks display at

the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York. Even more were expected to watch a fireworks extravaganza over New York City's East River.

In St Louis, Vice-President George Bush was to make two appearances at the giant VF fair. Fair organisers were expecting up to one million people to visit the gateway arch grounds on the fair's third day.

More than 2,500 members of the Rainbow Family back-to-nature group gathered in Zavalla, Texas, for the group's 17th annual July fourth celebration, where they pray for peace, love and harmony.

Foreign victims

NICOSIA, July 4. (AP): Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency today reported the following 35 foreigners killed in an Iran Air Airbus A-300 shot down by the US Navy over the Gulf yesterday.

The agency said the list provided by Iran Air, does not include all 40 foreign passengers reported to have been aboard the plane.

It noted that two Kuwaitis listed on the flight manifest may have listed as UAE citizens. The list includes what appear to have been several families.

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PAKISTAN: Mumtaz Arshad, naval and air attaché at the Pakistani embassy in Tehran, Vajid Arshad, Ahmad Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Saleh Ahmad Abdulla and Badrieh Shahda Ibrahim.

The list included one Italian, identified only as Caputo.

American embassies---

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"The warnings were not repeated to," the spokesman said.

The Espero changed course yesterday to head for the area where Airbus went down and to offer help in searching for survivors or bodies.

Security

It remained at the limit of Iranian waters, but its offers of help were unanswered.

Strict security was in force at London's Heathrow airport

than usual across the Gulf, passing over Muscat in Oman to avoid the Dubai area.

JAL operates four flights a week on the route.

Members of US Congress generally defended the US missile attack on the plane but called for a thorough investigation and a review of US policy in the Gulf.

House majority leader Tom Foley, interviewed on NBC television's "Today" programme said all information about the destruction of the jet should be released publicly to demonstrate that the United States does not make war on innocents, that this was a terrible accident, that we deeply regret it.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said: "This painful incident dramatises the dangers through which the peoples of the Gulf are living. It should prompt the concerned parties and the world community to work seriously and quickly for realising a just peace and reconstructing what was destroyed by war."

Spain issued a statement saying it "deeply laments the tragic error", adding that "the government hopes that this lamentable incident will not lead to an increase of tension in the zone."

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke said he believed the downing of the Iran Air plane

was a case of "mistaken identity" in the heat of battle.

Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden said the incident "underscores the urgent need to bring the war between Iran and Iraq to a negotiated and lasting settlement."

Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, touring Australia, said in a statement issued in Canberra, "Japan offers heartfelt condolences to the victims who lost their lives in the tragic incident. Japan hopes similar incidents will not be repeated."

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Japan Airlines said it will reroute its Kuwait to Tokyo flight from Dubai.

In Tokyo, JAL said the leg of the Kuwait-Tokyo flight 472 from Bahrain to Karachi, which normally flies over Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, would travel a "more southerly course".

White House should re-evaluate its Middle East policy but that the US should maintain its presence in the Gulf.

Iran vows revenge for plane shooting

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incident in which a plane, on radar, was observed coming in the direction of a ship in combat, and the plane began lowering its altitude.

"So I think it was an understandable accident" because the ship believed "it was under attack by that plane," he said.

Reagan, who yesterday called the incident a "terrible human tragedy," rejected Iranian assertions that the downing of the plane was premeditated.

"I don't go much by what the Iranians say — ever," he said.

Asked if he was worried about Iranian threats of retaliation, the President said: "We have to think about that, knowing who they are."

Reagan rejected comparisons of the incident to the Soviet Union's downing of a Korean Airlines jet in September, 1983.

"With regard to the Soviets, comparing this to the KAL shootdown, there was a great difference. Our shot was fired as a result of a radar screen of a plane approaching it at quite a distance."

"Remember, the KAL — a group of Soviet fighter planes went up, identified it for what it was, and then proceeded to shoot it down. There's no comparison," he said, adding, "US warships will remain in the Gulf."

Reagan concluded: "We want peace in the Gulf, but we also want the right of navigation in international waters."

Investigators

The President spoke as a team of military investigators headed by Admiral William Fogarty left from Florida for an undisclosed Gulf location. Fogarty is a senior officer of the Central Command, which is in charge of US forces in the Gulf.

They were to question the officers and crew of the Aggressor, a guided missile cruiser USS Vincennes, to determine why the wide-bodied passenger jet, on a flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, was mistaken for a much smaller, faster F-14 fighter plane.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today condemned the US downing of an Iranian airliner, which he said appears to have been an error, and called for restraint in the Gulf.

"The secretary-general cannot but condemn what appears to have been a tragic error and calls for the greatest restraint in these difficult moments for the peace and security of the region," UN spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said.

The statement came shortly after Iranian Ambassador Sirous Nasseri told him the United States must try the naval personnel responsible, make compensation and pull its "aggressive, incompetent" forces out of the Gulf.

Nasseri, ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, told a news conference he made the demands while presenting a letter of protest from Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velay

INTERNATIONAL

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Jackson calls for release of American hostages

BEIRUT, July 4. (Reuters): American politician Jessie Jackson appealed today to the captors of foreign hostages in Lebanon to free them as a step towards peace and security in the Middle East.

"The first step for peace in the Middle East and Lebanon starts by freeing all the hostages," the defeated contender for the Democratic presidential nomination told Beirut's leftist As Safr daily.

"To those who are hearing me, release Terry Anderson, Terry Waite and all the hostages as an investment for a peaceful and secured future," Jackson said in an interview he gave at his home in Chicago.

Jackson said he was concerned at the fate of 10 American nationals who are among 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped by pro-Iranian fundamentalists.

Anderson is an American journalist kidnapped in 1985. Waite, a British church envoy, was seized in 1987.

"Those people who are held as hostages were convicted and kept in captivity because of policies they did not make," Jackson said.

He was apparently referring to the policies of the American government in the region and towards Iran, whose revolutionary Islamic ideals are held by groups holding foreign nationals in Lebanon.

Jackson, who helped release an American pilot captured by Syrian forces in 1983, said:

"To those men in the Middle East who kidnapped foreigners through their battles of survival in order to maintain their strength, I tell them:

"You have expressed your stands, everybody has heard your voice and now the first step should be toward the solution."

Security issue tops agenda**Shultz to begin Asian tour**

WASHINGTON, July 4. (AP): Secretary of State George Shultz crosses the Pacific this week to visit nine capitals and hold major policy talks including discussion of arms control, the Soviet threat and US foreign policy.

Shultz's agenda includes such issues as the Olympics, Cambodia's future, American military bases in the Philippines, Chinese missile exports, US trade deficits with newly prosperous Pacific nations, "boat people" refugees from Vietnam and other problems lingering from the Indochina war.

Shultz also expects to brief Asian officials on the Moscow superpower summit and the West's economic summit at Toronto last month.

Shultz's two-week journey is scheduled to begin on Tuesday and will be longest to East Asia as secretary of state. Meetings begin on Thursday in Bangkok, Thailand, with a three-day Pacific rim ministerial summit of ASEAN. Also attending will be foreign ministers of their major trading partners including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the European Common Market.

The secretary of state is scheduled to continue on to Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philip-



Cordovez with a Pashtun turban

United States and the Soviet Union, Moscow is to withdraw its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by February and all parties agree to encourage the return of the more than three million Afghan refugees residing in Pakistan.

Under the settlement, signed by Afghanistan, Pakistan, the

accord, said Afghans will be able to form a government acceptable to all sides by relying on their traditions.

He did not elaborate. But in an interview published in the newspaper, the Muslim, he advocated the calling of a loya jirga, or grand tribal assembly, to decide on an interim government in Afghanistan.

Hardline leaders of the seven-party guerrilla alliance based in Peshawar have rejected the idea of a loya jirga, and last month announced a 14-member "interim government" intended to run the country after the expected fall of President Najibullah's government. They have also refused to meet with Cordovez, despite opposition from more moderate guerrilla leaders.

Support
Cordovez indirectly rejected the "government-in-exile" in his speech, delivered in searing heat to a largely silent all-male crowd at a museum harbouring fighters of the Soviet-backed government.

"They have been trying to generate broad-based support (for

the interim government) but it doesn't seem to be the case," he said.

Cordovez was accompanied by Gen. Rauli Helminen, head of the UN team overseeing compliance with the Geneva accord, during his visit to the camp, a sprawling maze of mud huts that houses about 50,000 Afghan refugees. About 40 police officers ringed the site where he spoke.

Since arriving in Pakistan from Iran, Cordovez, who is scheduled to take over as foreign minister in his native Ecuador in August, has met with President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Yaqub Khan for talks that included alleged violations of the Geneva agreement.

Pakistan has charged its war-torn neighbour with violating the settlement by staging cross-border air and artillery attacks, while Afghanistan alleges Pakistan has breached the agreement by continuing to harbour museum guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government.



A leftist activist cuts his skin with a razor blade before signing in his own blood a petition calling for removal of US bases in the Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cordovez urges Afghan refugees to return home

PESHAWAR, July 4. (UPI): UN envoy Diego Cordovez has urged Afghan refugees to take advantage of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and return to their homeland to "form a government of your liking."

"On August 15, when half of the Soviet troops will be withdrawn, the country will be in your hands," Cordovez told about 200 refugees at the Kachi Garhi camp about 3 km from the frontier city of Peshawar.

"You should take advantage of this historic opportunity," Cordovez said. "You should form a government of your liking."

The UN special envoy on Afghanistan arrived in Pakistan Thursday as part of a mission to the region to review implementation of the April 14 UN-mediated Geneva accord and renew efforts towards establishing a broad-based interim government in Kabul. He is scheduled to travel to the Afghan capital Tuesday.

"Those who are held as hostages were convicted and kept in captivity because of policies they did not make," Jackson said.

He was apparently referring to the policies of the American government in the region and towards Iran, whose revolutionary Islamic ideals are held by groups holding foreign nationals in Lebanon.

Jackson, who helped release an American pilot captured by Syrian forces in 1983, said:

"To those men in the Middle East who kidnapped foreigners through their battles of survival in order to maintain their strength, I tell them:

"You have expressed your stands, everybody has heard your voice and now the first step should be toward the solution."

To secure Western interests in Mideast**US urged to sign treaty with Israel**

TEL-AVIV, July 4. (Reuters): The rising star of Israel's right-wing Herut Party, Binyamin Netanyahu, says the United States should sign a NATO-style strategic alliance treaty with Israel to secure Western interests in the Middle East.

American Ambassador to Israel, 38, who quit as Israel's United Nations ambassador to run for parliament, said the treaty would form a basis for eventual peace between Israel and moderate Arab states.

In an interview with Reuters, he also advocated expelling hundreds of Palestinian "inciters" to end an uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"A formal treaty would not be subject to revocation like the existing memoranda of understanding. It would create an axis of stability and strength for Western interests in the Middle East," Netanyahu claimed.

"I would suggest we make a series of covert and in some cases overt alliances based on a formal

strategic treaty between Israel and the United States.

US leaders have avoided such a formal commitment to Israel for fear of upsetting Arab allies.

Netanyahu caused an upset last week when he topped a first-round poll of Herut parliament candidates for the Nov. 1 elections. He wants to be prime minister some day.

The real conflict in the Middle East is not between Israel and the Arabs but between radicals and non-radicals," he said.

China urged to follow Soviets in examining past

BEIJING, July 4. (Reuters): A top Chinese intellectual praised Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for criticising dictator Josef Stalin and asked when China would dare to do the same to Mao Tsetung.

Xia Yan, 88, one of China's most famous writers and journalists, told the official World Economic Herald the Soviet Union had gone much further than China in examining its past and its leaders honestly.

"Gorbachev's public criticism shows the Soviets' openness is far ahead of ours," said Xia, a vice-minister of culture who was attacked as "bourgeois" and lost the post in 1965.

"He (Gorbachev) has criticised Stalin so severely. But which of us dares to criticise openly Mao Tsetung?" he said.

Gorbachev last week announced that a monument would be erected to the victims of Stalin's repression. "To restore justice to the victims of lawlessness is our political and moral duty," he told a Communist Party conference.

Millions of ordinary Soviet citizens and party members died in Stalin's purges and forced collectivisation of agriculture and the famine that followed.

The reformist leadership of Deng Xiaoping has repudiated most of the policies of Mao, who died in 1976. His memory is still venerated; his portrait overlooks Tiananmen Square, and Chinese queue outside his mausoleum in the square where Mao proclaimed communist China in 1949.

Stalin's portrait is also erected in the square during communist festivals.

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The post of chief justice

Bangladesh jails have 1,300 foreigners

DHAKA, July 4. (Reuters): Nearly 300 foreigners are in jail in Bangladesh convicted of smuggling or travelling on fake documents, Home Minister Abdul Matin said.

He told parliament during question time that 1,292 foreigners from 14 countries were serving various sentences imposed since 1982.

They included 153 Indians, 71 Burmese, 30 Nepalese, 13 Sri Lankans and eight Pakistanis. The rest were Australian, British, West German, French, Thai, Indonesian, Filipino, Singaporean and Hong Kong nationals, he said.

The foreigners were convicted of smuggling gold or drugs, or with "illegal trespass" with fake travel documents, Matin said.

Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury said 397 Bangladeshi were in jail in Oman, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Iraq and Kuwait for entering those countries without proper documents.

More than 50 die in China floods

HONG KONG, July 4. (AP): Flood waters high-velocity winds and hail storms plagued China's central Sichuan province in recent days, killing more than 50 people and injuring more than 1,000 others, according to an official report.

The violent weather also ruined crops, disrupted transportation and wrecked tens of thousands of homes, the China news service said in a report appearing today in Hong Kong newspapers.

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One doctor for every 600 patients

No plan to dismiss Health Ministry staff

By Bassam Qassas

SENIOR authoritative sources have disclosed that the present administrative reorganisation process at the Ministry of Public Health will not result in the dismissal of any employee.

Speaking to a local daily, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqib, indicated that the ministry provided one doctor for every 600 patients and one nurse for every 170 persons. However, he said, the shortage of doctors and nurses was not severe.

The reorganisation planned included redistribution of the existing numbers of doctors and nurses on an equitable basis, and recruiting more qualified staff to replace those retiring, he said.

Promotions
The undersecretary conceded that the ministry suffered from shortage in staff in fields of accountancy, legal affairs, medical technical services, pharmaceutical and nursing services. There were plans to study the existing workforce, he said, and commented that currently there

had been a rise in recruitment as the ministry was determined to meet the projected high demand for health services due to growth in population. He pointed out that the ministry was considering levying some charges for services.

Al Naqib was critical of the existing promotion system and the absence of pre-promotion evaluation, which resulted in ill-qualified employees promoted to higher grades. Promotions, he said were rewards for outstanding performances and achievements. Further, promotion requirements were confined to four grades annually — five for categories A and B (for Kuwaitis) and five grades for non-Kuwaitis.

New hospitals
The construction of a new hospital in Failaka was delayed pending the determination of the needed number of beds and equipment, Al Naqib said. Further, he added, the ministry could provide the required health services on board a helicopter or appropriate technologically advanced transport

which would cost less. There were fifteen new appointees as doctors at the psychiatric diseases hospital and the ministry was planning to upgrade the psychiatric services further he said. The move to permit doctors part-time employment in the private sector under well-defined constraints was under consideration he added.

Centres

The undersecretary lauded the ministry's efforts to develop the family practitioners' concept and said by the end of this year a new batch of general practitioners would graduate with diplomas. Accordingly, he disclosed, the ministry was planning to construct five centres for general medical practice services in the various areas.

Concluding, Al Naqib said that the ministry was reinforcing its dental prevention policy through awareness campaigns at schools and there were plans to expand the existing dental services through the construction of more dental care centres in various locations.



● US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell (right) receiving Kuwait's Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi at a reception held yesterday on the occasion of American Independence Day. (Photo by Raed Quttana)

CSC committee to meet ministers

A LOCAL daily quoted a well-informed source as saying that the committee formed by the Civil Service Council will arrange to meet with each minister as of today.

The committee chaired by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed will also hold meetings with the undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries.

The most important issue to be discussed by the administrative reforms committee is the facilitating of services to be rendered to the public in compliance with the directives of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The source said that each minister would keep the committee informed of the latest developments relating to the administrative reforms at their respective ministries.

The source further disclosed that most of the senior officials were non graduates and more so, even those employees who were graduates had realised no change of status in their jobs.

However, the source added that the administrative reform plan constituted a comprehensive change designed to keep up with latest developments and praised the measures instituted by the Ministry of State for Municipal Affairs, the Ministries of Finance, Public Health and Commerce and Industry in addition to the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries.

Amir grants scholarships

HH the Amir yesterday ordered the allocation of a grant for creative and bright youths to be sent to advanced countries to develop their scientific talents.

The Amiri gesture came during an audience with board chairman of the Science Club Abdullah Al Sharhan.

The scholarships stemmed from the Amir's faith in the important role of the club and as token of appreciation of perseverance and talents of bright youths.

The creative youths will be sent abroad for further studies during summer vacations, according to the grant.

Al Sharhan briefed the Amir on plans and programmes of the club.

Bahrain PM receives Sheikh Saad's letter

MANAMA, July 4, (KUNA): Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received a letter from Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, the Manama-based Gulf News Agency reported.

The letter, handed over to the Bahraini Prime Minister by Abdul Latif Al Bahar, dealt with fraternal relations between the two countries, according to the agency which gave no further details.

Kuwaiti artists arrive in Rome

ROME, July 4, (KUNA): A team of Kuwaiti artists arrived here today to attend the opening of an exhibition of Kuwaiti painters and artists to begin here on Tuesday.

The team will perform a number of musical episodes that would represent Kuwaiti folk arts during the ceremony.

Editor-in-chief of Al Arabi magazine Dr Muhammed Al Rmaithi will also lecture on Kuwait at the Institute of Italian Economic and Cultural Cooperation next Thursday.

A spokesman of Kuwaiti embassy here told KUNA that the week-long exhibition is organised by Q-8 Company, an affiliate of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

Arab Jurists Association supports Kuwaiti stand

CAIRO, July 4, (KUNA): The 13th conference for the executive bureau of the Arab Jurists Association has supported Kuwaiti measures to thwart any subversive and terroristic operations, condemning in this regard the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jaberia last April.

The bureau, which concluded its meetings here yesterday, also praised Kuwait's responsible stance during the tragedy, represented by refusing blackmail in such inhumane incidents, urging Arab states to endorse an agreement to counter hijacking operations.

In regard of the Iraq-Iran war, the conferees saluted the Iraqi people and government for their recent victories, while urging Iran to comply with peace calls to end the hostilities.

Condemned

Furthermore, they asked the United Nations to clamp sanctions against the Iranian regime for its expansionist inclinations, while calling on all Arab states to stand alongside Iraq with all possible forms of support.

some patients and the second was reported in Sabahiyah area of Kuwait a few months ago.

He disclosed that his goat is from Holland and the milk is slightly salty. He would try to show his goat at the festival in Failaka Island on July 21, to be organised by the Tourist Enterprises Company.

Concluding, he said he was prepared to give the milk of the goat to patients should a medical committee prove the milk to be efficacious.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Escalation of uprising

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday commented that the escalation of the Palestinian uprising inside the occupied lands has increased Israel's concern after realising that they are "before a distinguished work by people who are seeking freedom".

Al Rai Al Aam said that the Israeli authority's green light to the Zionist settlers to fire at the Palestinians reflects "the panic which is prevailing among the Israeli military and political circles".

"The Palestinians do not fear anything anymore and they are ready to make more sacrifices in confronting the Israeli violence", the paper pointed out.

The daily also said the "intifada has gained international sympathy with the Palestinian cause," noting that "it is difficult for Israel" to restore the situation in the occupied lands to normalcy.

He-goat gives milk

By Hashim Ahmad Essa

A CITIZEN in Failaka Island Fadel Al Faikawi claimed he was surprised to discover that his he-goat had two udders.

Noticing that small sheep tried to suck milk from the goat, he tried to milk the goat and to his amazement, the goat did give milk.

Faikawi said this is the third case of its kind. The first was reported from Syria where the owner used the milk in treating



Milking the goat

Kuwait-Egypt committee

CAIRO, July 4, (KUNA): Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki announced today the existence of a Kuwaiti-Egyptian committee that discusses basics of joint cooperation in anticipation of the establishment of a higher committee to boost bilateral relations.

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During the same discussion, head of the international law department at Cairo University and the association's assistant secretary-general Mufeed Shehab praised Iraq's peaceful stance toward putting an end to the war with Iran, describing UN resolution 598 as a "humanitarian" one.

Shehab also saluted the Palestinian uprising which has become an example to be followed for people seeking freedom, affirming that sooner or later, the Palestinians will liberate their land despite the oppressive acts taken by Israel.

Yesterday's sand-storm created poor visibility and posed hazards to drivers of vehicles.

Sand-storms lash Kuwait

SAND-STORMS lashed Kuwait yesterday reducing visibility at times to less than 100 metres at the airport and 50 metres in open places respectively.

A source at the Meteorological Department said that the maximum speed of winds was 29 miles per hour at the airport, 30 mph in Ahmadi and most areas of Kuwait and 35 mph in the south of the country.

The storms were due to the activity of winds of the North-Western Asian low pressure and to the winds that attack the Iraqi desert thereby bringing sand and dust to Kuwait.

The same source said that sand storms will continue through Tuesday, but with abated density of dust.

Waldheim to visit Kuwait next fall

VIENNA, July 4, (KUNA): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim announced today that he has decided to visit Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates next autumn.

At a press conference, Waldheim said his rescheduled trip would be devoted to strengthening economic ties between the two Gulf countries.

The trip to Kuwait and the UAE was earlier scheduled for June, but Waldheim was asked to delay his trip because it coincided with the convening of the Arab extraordinary summit in Algiers.

Waldheim paid a visit to Saudi Arabia a few days before the Arab summit was held on June 7.

Investigations completed

THE Public Prosecutor's Office has completed investigations on a defendant accused of killing a woman and her child in Al Salimiya area and setting fire to her residence.

Primary investigations indicated that the accused was a Jordanian national and a relative of the victim. He attempted to rape her and when she defended herself, it is alleged he killed her and her child.

The accused is to appear before the Criminal Court on July 7.

Pressure on Abdalli border post

ABDALLI border post, one of Kuwait's important point of entry and exit encounters pressure on its customs personnel due to the heavy influx and exodus of trucks of different countries.

A local newspaper visited the post to interview a number of official and travellers.

Travellers complained of

15 years for kidnapping woman

THE criminal court has sentenced two men to 15 years imprisonment for kidnapping a woman with the intention of sexually assaulting her.

The court was told that the two men chased the victim as she drove to Fahheel market and waited for her to return to her car after she had finished her shopping. The woman twice refused to take the telephone number of one of the men offered her and put a note they had left on the windscreen of her car into her pocket.

As she got into her car, they grabbed her, bundled her into their car and drove off to an isolated desert road in Sabahiyah where rape was attempted.

The woman resisted the assault and managed to get away when the men started to quarrel with each other.

Police were able to track down the men through the telephone number on the paper the woman had put into her pocket.

Postponed

Meanwhile, the trial of Farrag N. infamously known as "A Firdous Rambo" was postponed by Kuwait's Criminal Court to July 31.

The defendant faces six charges including the premeditated killing of a man and possession of an unlicensed gun. The accused attempted to kill one of the security men at the Ministry of Communication headquarters and then escaped to his residence situated at Al Firdous area where he held his family members as hostages for three days.

The court was presided over by the Judge Ahmed Al Ghazali and judges Mohammed Al Zubgi and Ali Al Subairi in the presence of the representative of the Public Prosecutor's Office Abdul Hakem Al Fazea.

Commercial committee to meet

THE Commercial Co-operation Committee for GCC States' 11th meeting will convene on July 12 at the GCC Secretariat in Riyadh. A preparatory meeting will be held on July 11.

Discussions will emphasise on practices of commercial agencies and permitting GCC residents to own shares. A number of commercial issues, including customs duty on GCC states products will also be discussed.

Magnetic storm

THE director-general of the UAE communications establishment Mohammad Emran announced yesterday that the UAE will be subjected to what he termed "a magnetic storm".

He added, the storm would affect telephone and other telecommunications between UAE and the rest of the world. However, he commented that the duration of the storm would be approximately 15 minutes and would affect various areas in varying degrees.

People without nationality offered help to legalise status

AUTHORITATIVE sources indicated that every assistance is being provided to legalise the status of those people who are claiming to be without nationality.

A senior government official yesterday announced that the government will provide all the necessary facilities and guidance to those who produce their original passports and who have been living in Kuwait and claiming to be without nationality.

He disclosed that such people who reveal their real identity will be allowed to stay in Kuwait like other expatriates. Additionally, voluntary disclosure of origin would not preclude them from applying for Kuwaiti nationality.

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Walking for peace

By Fathima Ahmed

Last year Major Abbas made headlines by becoming the first man in modern times to go for hajj on foot — the adventure goes on....

Abu Dhabi, where he was visiting a relative.

To build his walking skills he planned his first walk, sponsored by UNICEF. Walking for a children's charity from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, he covered a distance of 191 kms in three days. Thus began Abbas' marathon walk, first "to reintroduce the religious zeal of Muslims to the younger generation" and then for peace.

Zeal.

"I was driven by a zeal, perhaps difficult to understand, to perform the hajj; I wanted to tell the younger generation about the hardships experienced by the earlier Muslims. I wanted to recreate that aura," he explained.

No one understood his zeal, least of all the men and women he met on the way to Makkah. "Why are you walking to the safety of his tent?



Major Abbas, wearing garlands, talks to people during the Karachi peace walk.

Makkah? Don't you have the money? Are you poor?" they often asked, whenever they saw a lone Pakistani trekking along a desert road from the UAE to Makkah in 1987.

He showed them travellers' cheques. They did not believe him and gave him money. By the time he reached Makkah he collected about 15,000 riyals, which he later gave to a charity in his native Pakistan.

It was an arduous journey — but one which the major willingly took — despite the snakes and scorpions lurking in the desert.

He spent most nights in the open desert, mainly due to the distance between one populated area and another. The fear of a snake slithering nearby never left him.

"The snakes came for the food. I parked my trolley a distance away from where I put my sleeping bag," he said.

Occasionally he was surrounded by a herd of camels. One night, he was nearly crushed by camels.

"A bedouin woke me up in the middle of the night after he saw a group of camels surrounding me, dragged me out of bed, took my belongings and took me to the safety of his tent.

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Pushing the trolley on his way to Makkah.

Later, he told me, the camels would have crushed me," he said.

Then there were the wild dogs which came in droves, only at night. The worst was the weather — hot, humid and clammy. Yet, he kept going.

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Abandon

The riots, the killings and disturbances in Karachi prompted him to "walk for peace", sponsored by the Mohibbeen group, covering areas like Nazimabad, Karimabad and Sohrab and others, affected by the riots. But just after five days, he had to abandon his walk because he fell ill.

"I have not abandoned the idea," he says. "I will continue the peace walk when the doctor permits to spread the message of love, affection and brotherhood" seem high sounding words?

"No, no. We have just forgotten their meaning," he says reassuringly, with a wee bit of

regret in his voice.

"The trouble is that we don't practise Islam anymore. We concentrate on "huquq Allah," following the five tenets of Islam; we neglect "huquq al 'ibad" — service to humanity," he says.

He says "service to humanity is service to Allah". And as such, he believes he is serving God through his peace walks.

"The Quran says a man will be judged by his deeds. Aren't we neglecting them?" he asks. He doesn't, in his own way contributing to the welfare of humanity. Every four months, he donates blood. "Many others come to donate blood when I go to the blood bank," he says.

Moderate

He insists he is not a fanatic. "I believe in moderation, at the same time I believe in service to humanity, which is service to God." He is so sincere that he leaves no room for scepticism.

"I want to tell the young that if there is determination and will power, even an old man like me can walk thousands of kilometres. So, why can't they too work towards peace?"

Major Abbas' world of adventure began in 1965 — when he took his family from Pakistan in a 1921 car to eight countries — Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy and France. The adventure continues. In September this year he hopes to walk for peace in Toronto, Canada. And when he turns 70, he'll attempt a parachute jump. "If I'm alive and healthy, why not?" he asks. Why not, indeed. A man young at heart is always young.

British adventurers stop over in Kuwait



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Two English adventurers — Michael Burke and Raine Milano (above) pictured with their Vauxhall 24 during their recent stopover in Kuwait. The two British motorists, en route to Sydney, Australia, crossed France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Jordan and are on their way to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia to continue their journey to Australia, which they hope to reach to mark the 200th anniversary celebrations. In Asia, they hope to stop over in India, Malaysia and Singapore, among other countries.

and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

CINEMA

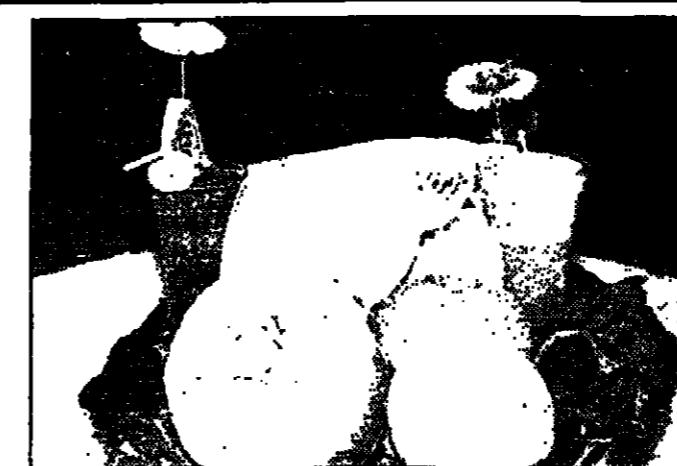
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The Elephant Man, a feature film, will be shown on July 9 and 10, 6.30 pm. Superbly photographed in black and white, it is an unforgettable amalgam of images in the style of 19th century pioneer photography which develops with the story of emotional intensity. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathew will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk



● Kuwait Meridien's Al Waha Restaurant is promoting melon delights, until July 15.

dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varughese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext 207; Verghese Paradyal — 3422973.

Summer Belle 88
The United Goans Centre

will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons

10.15 Thamar Al Shok: Arabic serial, starring Tawfiq Abdul Munim Madbouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabac, Ahsan Qala'awi.

11.00 News/Good Morning

11.15 Ghaddan Tabda Al Hayat: Arabic serial, featuring Hayat Al Fahd, Ghaneem Al Saleh, Suad Abdullah.

12.15 Silver Spoons
1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite

1.50 Songs

2.30 Wararat Al Ayyam: Arabic serial, featuring Juliette Awad, Ruhi Al Saifi, Susan Saleh, Iman Karem.

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial

4.00 World News via Satellite

4.20 Al Rajul Illi Bal'a Al Tarboush: Arabic play: Starring: Shirin, Mahmoud Al Jundi, Nahid Samir.

6.00 Cartoons

7.00 Summer 1988

7.15 World About Us

8.00 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab Said," Daily Arabic serial

8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Naar wa Duqqan: Arabic serial, featuring Sherihan, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr.

10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durriya Sharif Al



Tom Selleck plays Magnum, tonight on KTV2.

Din, Suhaib Ilyas.
12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran /Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rubik: start of new cartoon series

6.30 Chocky: a 12-year-old child shows supernatural powers, amazing his parents.

7.00 The Australian Ark: "A Land of Birds." A look at bird life in Australia.

8.00 News in English

8.30 You and the Law: local programme

8.50 Magnum: "Missing Melody." The cool, handsome private eye, Magnum, is back to solve the case of a missing girl. Starring: Tom Selleck.

9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series. Edward and Jolly, two school friends, go to Germany to see a hand-gliding event.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "The Break-in." Comedy with two Greeks settled in the US. Tonight, they plan to break into a newspaper office to get back some documents.

10.30 Black and White Movie Night: "Man in a Cocked Hat." (1959 British), (British title: "Carlton Browne of the F.O.") Screwball farce about island of Gallardia, a British protectorate forgotten for 50 years; when rediscovered, bumbling Terr-Thomas of the Foreign Office are left in charge. Starring: Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Luciana Paluzzi, John le Mesurier. Duration: 88 minutes.

12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Tuesday

Morning

0.00 Opening

0.02 Songs and Music

0.05 Thoughts in Islam

0.30 News

0.40 Songs and Music

0.45 Daily Programme

0.50 Songs and Music

0.55 They Sold a Million

1.00 Our Country Today

1.05 Songs and Music

1.10 Closedown

1.30 News on FM Service

Evening

2.00 Opening

2.02 In the Latin Mood

2.30 News

2.45 Point of View

2.55 Songs and Music

3.00 On Islam

3.15 In the Groove

3.20 His Special

3.30 Jazz in Action

3.40 Closedown

3.50 World News

3.55 British Press Review

4.00 Network UK

4.15 Radio Newscast

4.30 Pilgrim's Progress

4.30 World News

4.45 News About Britain

4.50 The World Today

5.00 John Peel

5.00 Newsdesk

5.30 A Schubert Anthology

4.45 Reflections

5.00 Financial News

5.00 World News

5.00 Twenty-Four Hours: News

ALL TIMES GMT

BBC World Services

0000 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Radio Newscast

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IN PEACE, sons bury their fathers; in war, fathers bury their sons — Herodotus, Greek historian (fifth century BC).

OPINION

Time for Iran to return to its senses

UNDoubtedly, we are against the US action in shooting down an Iranian passenger plane. Basically, we have always been against the killing of innocent people.

Although, the US categorically admitted it was a mistake, Iran bears a grave responsibility for the incident as it has contributed to this unfortunate incident by being the main cause in not bringing the Gulf war to an end. The lives of the innocent passengers would not have been lost, neither would the US fleets been actively involved in Gulf waters had Iran thought of stability in this region.

Information provided to us by authoritative sources indicates that Iran is not willing to accept any apologies. It believes that it is always strong and capable of forcibly taking its rights and is now lust for revenge. This base mentality is amply reflected in the fact that for eight long years, Iran has stubbornly continued to reject all genuine efforts at mediation towards ending the Gulf war. Instead, each time it launched an aggression against Iraq. As each aggressive attempt failed, their feelings of revenge and rage have grown stronger. This is exactly what the Iranians lived in mediaeval times — over eight centuries ago.

Having given the backdrop to the Iranian thinking, we now ask: after the US action will Iran react similarly in confronting the Americans as it usually does with Iraq? Will it send its Army to the USA as it does with Iraq and the Gulf states? Would Iran face the US fleets in the Gulf waters instead of confronting its Muslim brothers and killing their sons and the sons of its own soil for no valid reasons, except that it failed to achieve victory over Iraq. Defeat has created in the Iranian regime a lust for revenge. However, the US act has made it bury its head in the sand — just like the foolish ostrich.

Iran can, and should really save the bloodshed of Muslims — including the blood of its own people. All that is needed, is to purge themselves of their feelings of hatred and restore good-neighbourly relations. They should, by now, realise that the countries Iran is courting towards supporting their aggression against Iraq will not support their policies.

Although Iran has been experiencing the severe adverse effects of the Gulf war for eight long years, it appears that it is still bent on heaping on itself further destruction before it comes to its senses and realises that this is a mad and futile war and in the case of Iran, the hunter has become the hunted.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Soviet Communist Party conference

Gorbachev got what he wanted

By John-Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev came out of the Communist Party's first national conference in nearly a half-century with the political reform he sought but with open hostility toward his campaign for more openness.

And some delegates said they still are awaiting proof his economic reform drive, now well into its third year, will improve Soviet life.

For four days ending Friday, 5,000 delegates met in the party's first conference since Josef Stalin convened the 18th such gathering in 1941. At Gorbachev's urging, they ordered an overhaul of the system Stalin built that vested the nation's power and prestige in the party's bureaucrats.

By charting the path of political reform, Gorbachev said Friday, the Kremlin conclave had pointed the way to a new "democratic image of socialism" that would enable his economic and social reforms to proceed.

Resolutions

Resolutions adopted at the conference, on topics ranging from political reform to inter-ethnic relations and the policy of openness referred to by the Russian word "glasnost," were not immediately made public. But a preliminary scorecard can be drawn based on delegates' speeches, reports in the state-run media and officials' comments to reporters.

The winners:

Gorbachev himself, who not only got the mandate for political change he had been seeking, but also the frank, often searing debate he espoused, in stark contrast to the polite, well-ordered ceremonial conclaves standardised by past Kremlin rulers.

Among the political reforms approved by the delegates is creation of a new, more powerful presidency with powers to draft legislation and oversee foreign policy and defence — a post apparently tailor-made for Gorbachev.

However, until the fine print in the resolutions is made public, it would be premature to call the

conference a triumph for the 57-year-old Communist Party chief.

• Yegor K. Ligachev, the No. 2 Kremlin leader often rumoured to be at odds with Gorbachev. Ligachev's extraordinary speech, in which he disclaimed any ideological differences with Gorbachev, was a ringing defence of the party's old guard and a stinging blow to his would-be rival, Boris N. Yeltsin.

The losers:

• Yeltsin, the erstwhile protege of Gorbachev and former Moscow party boss. He asked the conference Friday for "political rehabilitation" and instead was attacked by a succession of speakers, including Ligachev and Gorbachev himself.

Segments from Yeltsin's speech and from the frequently acidic attacks against him were shown on national television, apparently to squash any vestiges of popular support for the strapping 57-year-old official.

Attacks

A published text of all his remarks showed he had made attacks on party privilege likely to go down well with Soviet citizens. Yeltsin was stripped of his Moscow party post and a seat on the ruling politburo after complaining Gorbachev's reforms were stymied by entrenched bureaucrats.

• Perhaps. President Andrei Gromyko and fellow longtime politburo member Mikhail Solomentsev, both in their 70s. In a rare public attack, one delegate named them and two other senior party figures as holdovers from the "period of stagnation," as the time of Leonid Brezhnev is now known. Yeltsin also attacked Solomentsev by name, accusing him of protecting corrupt party officials.

Ligachev, however, defended his politburo colleagues, saying they helped engineer the election of Gorbachev as party chief in 1985.

Another conference delegate came to Gromyko's aid, but said the man who had served as Soviet foreign minister for 28 years had "fallen behind the times."

The Soviet Union first said the aircraft, some 300 miles (480 km)

Airliner shooting focuses on Reagan aims in the Gulf

By Robert Trautman

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The downing of an Iranian airliner with 290 people aboard by an American missile will further call into question Reagan administration aims in the Gulf, diplomatic analysts said on Sunday.

It could also set back any tentative moves towards a US-Iranian reconciliation after the American presidential election in November, said Robin Wright, an analyst at the private Carnegie Institute.

She said martyrdom was very important in the Muslim tradition "and now Iran has 290 new martyrs, courtesy of the United States."

Analysts said the downing of the plane added ammunition to the argument that Washington committed a serious error in becoming involved militarily by escorting civilian tankers through the unstable region.

"We are asking for trouble," said James Donovan, an analyst with the Centre for Defence Information, a private organisation led by retired officers who monitor US military activities.

Donovan said in a telephone interview that he thought the United States would reassess its Gulf policy towards reducing the size of its fleet there.

Powerful

The Iranian A-300 Airbus was shot down by a radar-guided missile fired, Iran said, by the Vincennes, the most powerful of the US tanker escort vessels on duty in the Gulf.

Defence Department officials at first denied the Iranian charge, saying the Vincennes had hit an Iranian F-14 that was approaching.

But later Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, later acknowledged the A-300 was downed by a US missile.

He said the Vincennes, which was then engaged in a clash with Iranian gunboats, had mistaken the Airbus for an F-14.

The Aegis surface-to-air missile system aboard the Vincennes can simultaneously track the speed, course and radar signature of more than 200 targets up to 240 miles (385 km) away, and can attack 15 to 20 targets simultaneously, Navy officials said.

Donovan predicted an overall review of US military commitments overseas.

"We've taken on these missions all over the world to deter hostility, so we're stuck with them. But he added: "Our whole national strategy should be reviewed — what is worth risking American lives for?"

Other analysts pointed to the futility of the US effort in the region to shield tanker traffic from Iranian mines and missiles.

Setbacks

The US presence has been plagued by setbacks from May 19, 1987 when the administration agreed to refuel foreign ships, enabling American ships to protect them from attacks in the Iran-Iraq war.

Two days before that, an Iraqi plane fired missiles at the US frigate Stark, killing 37 men. Iraq said it was a mistake, a response the United States accepted.

There have been many other, though minor, incidents in the Gulf as the US continued its escort policy.

In April the US frigate Samuel Roberts hit a mine laid by Iran. Ten

sailors were injured.

Responding, US ships and planes hit two Iranian frigates, sank a missile boat and fired at Iranian warplanes.

Following that incident, Wright said: "My great fear is that we may have crossed a threshold."

Crowe told reporters the United States had intelligence information Iran might hit at US targets over the July 4 independence day holiday weekend.

He said ship captains in the Gulf were looking for attacks, and the Airbus — identified only as an incoming craft moving fast and not responding to warnings from the Vincennes — had all the earmarks of an attacking plane.

Crowe said: "The commanding officer has a responsibility to protect his people, his unit."

Pullout

Asked if this incident would trigger a US pullout of the Gulf, Donovan said: "It could be, if we had some heavy losses."

Wright said the Iranians are not going to believe that advanced US war technology could not distinguish between a two-crew F-14 and a wide-body passenger plane.

Chronology

A chronology of major developments in the Gulf since the start of the war in the central Gulf in an area frequented by US warships. Three Iranians are killed and 29 others captured in the first successful incident involving US fire against the Iranians. The ship is later destroyed and the 29 survivors repatriated. Iran vows retaliation.

1987

• March 7: President Reagan decides to escort reflagged tankers, with US warships.

• May 17: An Iraqi jet, in what both the United States and Baghdad later said was a case of mistaken identity, hits the frigate Stark with an Exocet missile, killing 37 American sailors and wounding dozen more.

• July 18: First escort of reflagged tankers starts in the Gulf, more than two years after the

start of the so-called tanker war between Iran and Iraq.

• July 21: UN Security Council unanimously approves resolution 598, calling for a ceasefire in the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war that includes a withdrawal to internationally recognised boundaries and exchange of prisoners.

• July 24: Reflagged tanker Bridgeton strikes a mine off Kuwaiti coast, a blow to US policy.

• Aug 10: A US-managed supertanker Texaco Caribbean strikes a mine in the Gulf of Oman. The mines are believed to have been planted by Iran to thwart the US naval escort operation.

• Aug 16: Amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal arrives in central Gulf with eight Sea Stallion mine-sweeping helicopters, boosting US naval presence.

• Aug 19: Iran carries its speedboat attacks on third party shipping outside the Arabian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, firing rocket-propelled grenades at a chemical tanker, causing minor damage but no injuries.

• Aug 21: Speaker of Iran's Parliament, Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, tells the Iranian people to prepare for war with the United States.

• Sept 11: UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrives in Tehran seeking implementation of Security Council resolution 598. The mission ends four days later in failure, with bitter recriminations on both sides over who started the conflict.

• Sept 14: Belgium announces it is sending mine sweepers to the Gulf, joining Britain, France, the Netherlands and Italy in ensuring a European naval presence to keep the waterway open to trade.

• Sept 21: US Army helicopters fire on an Iranian vessel, the Iran Ajr, caught laying mines in the central Gulf in an area frequented by US warships. Three Iranians are killed and 29 others captured in the first successful incident involving US fire against the Iranians. The ship is later destroyed and the 29 survivors repatriated. Iran vows retaliation.

• Oct 3: Pack of 70 Iranian speedboats race toward a Saudi Arabian offshore oil platform but turn back under wings of Saudi jet fighters and the approach of US warships.

• Oct 8: Speedboats fire on US helicopter in north-central Gulf for the first time, prompting Army helicopters to swoop in

and sink one vessel and capture two others. Two crewmen are killed and four captured. Iran vows to retaliate.

• Oct 13: For third time in just over a week, Iran fired a Soviet-made missile into Baghdad in a resumption of the "war of the cities." Twenty-nine children and three adults at a school are killed and more than 200 wounded.

• Oct 15: Iran fires a Silkworm missile into a US-owned tanker anchored in Kuwaiti waters, causing extensive damage but no injuries. US says attack is aimed at Kuwait, not at US-flagged ships.

• Oct 16: Iran fires a Silkworm missile into a US-owned tanker anchored in Kuwaiti waters, blinding the American ship master and wounding 17 other crew. Kuwait condemns the attack and US warns of retaliation.

• Oct 19: US naval forces retaliate for the Oct 16 attack, destroying an Iranian oil platform crammed with radar gear and weapons in a "restrained" response to Iranian aggression. Iran vows to retaliate.

• Nov 1: The US frigate Carronade fires machine guns at "suspected Iranian vessel" making a run at the US supply ship Patriot.

• Dec 14: US frigate Samuel B. Roberts hit by underwater explosion after sighting several mines. Government sources say mines are of recent Iranian manufacture and identical to those found on the Iran Ajr in September.

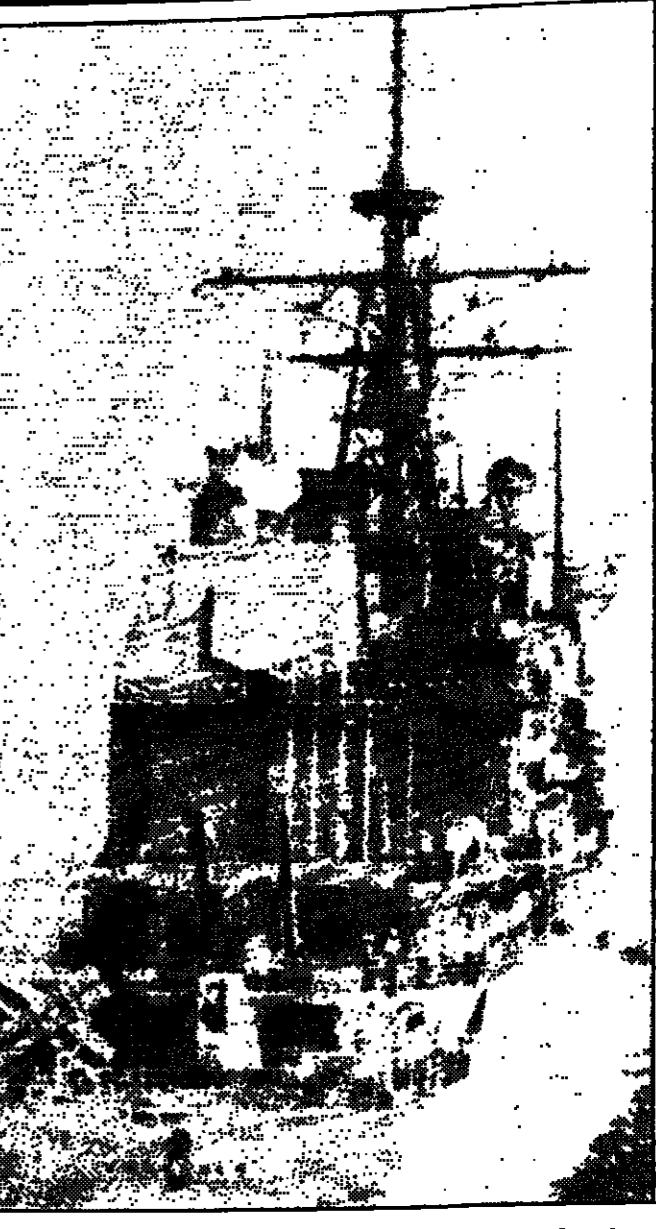
• April 18: Six US warships destroy two Gulf oil rigs used by Iran for military purposes in retaliation for Iran mines in shipping lanes used by the US-escorted convoys. An Iranian gunboat is sunk and a frigate hit with missiles and bombs after they threatened US vessels. No American casualties reported.

• July 2: A US warship steams to the aid of a Danish supertanker in the Gulf after a small, fast fighter, then shoot it down? Experts consulted by the New York Times said something clearly was amiss with the precautions taken at preventing just such an incident.

Some suggest the fault may have been with the growth of the Iran Air A-300 Airbus that was destroyed by two missiles fired from the USS cruiser Vincennes, killing 290 aboard.

It really sounds like there was some problem on that airliner," said Lee Kreindler, a New York lawyer who has represented clients in many air disasters, including the downing of the Korean Air Lines jet by the Soviet Union in 1983.

It appears the crew was not on top of it, and you wonder why. They knew, or should have known, they were over a forbidden area," Kreindler said.



The US guided-missile cruiser Vincennes which on Sunday shot down the Iranian Airbus, steams through the Strait of Hormuz. (Reuter wirephoto)

Something clearly was amiss

What went wrong?

NEW YORK, (Reuters): American aviation experts are trying to answer this question: just how could the most sophisticated US warship in the Gulf make a big, slow Iranian airliner for a small, fast fighter, then shoot it down?

Experts consulted by the New York Times said something clearly was amiss with the precautions taken at preventing just such an incident.

"I guarantee you it had a transponder," he said. "Whether it was turned on or something else."

For the Vincennes to have mistaken the aircraft for a small jet fighter, he said, "might suggest that the transponder was turned off."

The Washington Post said the incident raised questions about the capability of the high-technology ship that it was intended to revolutionise the Navy's ability to protect its vessels.

In the heat of the skirmish, the newspaper said, the Aegis radar system aboard the ship, which is supposed to be able to identify hundreds of potential targets simultaneously did not enable the Vincennes crew to distinguish the aircraft from the Soviet Union in 1983.

"It appears the crew was not on top of it, and you wonder why. They knew, or should have known, they were over a forbidden area," Kreindler said.

Course

The United States says the aircraft was outside the normal commercial airliner corridor but Iran denies this.

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters on Sunday the Vincennes received "electronic indications" that led it to believe that the aircraft was an F-14 fighter, a supersonic twin-jet swing-wing fighter capable of carrying anti-ship missiles.

The Vincennes, three years old tomorrow and one of the Navy's most sophisticated warships, must be well-used to detecting F-14s since it is the principal air superiority fighter carried aboard American aircraft carriers. It is capable of speeds in excess of 1,500 mph (2,450 kph).

The New York Times said one of the aviation experts it consulted suggested the Iranian aircraft might have turned off a critical on-board device called a transponder used to identify an aircraft in a system called identification, friend or foe (IFF).

Universal</

Mozart hat trick

By Edward Greenfield

IT WAS the newly-founded Glyndebourne company in the mid-thirties that made recording history, putting on disc for the very first time complete recordings of Mozart's three Da Ponte masterpieces, starting with *Le nozze di Figaro* in the very first season. Now, at a time when alternative versions of such favourite works come by the half-dozen in the record catalogue, the latterday Glyndebourne company has just completed the trilogy again, with Bernard Haitink conducting performances originally linked with the vintage productions of Sir Peter Hall.

Not that the original intention was to do the whole trilogy again with the Glyndebourne company, but the enormous success of *Don Giovanni* four years ago with Thomas Allen outstanding in the name part led to the appearance last year of *Cosi fan tutte*, and now, thanks to the sponsorship of the young Frenchman, Vincent Meyer, to the opera which lies at the very heart of Glyndebourne, *Figaro*, the one which opened the first season in 1934 and which 50 years later to the day marked its half-century in a performance under Haitink very similar to the one now recorded.

The problem for the record company, EMI, was that during the planning stage it already had on the stocks another version of *Figaro* being conducted by Riccardo Muti in Vienna. Fortunately that did not prevent the Glyndebourne project from going ahead, for in every way this new version outshines its EMI stablemate, typical of Haitink in its often measured speeds and with a vintage *Figaro* in Claudio Desderi, characterful in a traditional way, following up his splendid *Don Alfonso* in the *Cosi* recording last year.

Recorded in EMI's own Abbey Road studio, the sound of the Glyndebourne version is far superior to that of the Vienna set, though I am now eager to have on CD the mid-term Glyndebourne *Figaro* recording, a sparkling set made for the Mozart bicentenary in 1956 with Vittorio Gui con-

ting and with Sena Jurinac as a radiant Countess.

That was one of EMI's first demonstration stereo recordings, and was more closely geared to bringing out the impression of a Glyndebourne staging than the new net, on which I suspect Peter Hall was not consulted at all. Nonetheless, similarly it reflects the easy interplay of performers used to acting together, different in quality from a random studio assemblage of soloists.

Teamwork is of the essence in all of these operas, and on that the new set scores all round. Yet for all the reliable consistency of the cast, not one of the principals — with the incidental exception of Anne Dawson singing delectably in the small role of Barbarina — would be top of my competitive lists in the current recording stakes. Desderi is certainly very near the top, even if he relies just a little too much on *parlando* effects. Gianna Roldani is a charming, positive Susanna, but in vocal beauty she has to yield to such a rival as Lucia Popp on Solti's Decca set.

It is that Decca rival which, as in all *Figaro* comparisons of recent years, has come out as the most satisfying in its array of soloists, headed by Samuel Ramey as a young-sounding, vocally handsome *Figaro*, and also including Dame Kiri Te Kanawa in one of her very finest recorded performances as the Countess. Thomas Allen the most commanding count, handsomely again and dramatic without being explosive; Frederica von Stade as Cherubino, and Robert Tear as an unforgettable Basilio.

Not that Ugo Benelli, the Glyndebourne Basilio, falls at all short on characterisation, but neither Richard Stilwell as the Count, Faith Esham as Cherubino nor even Felicity Lott as the Countess, for all their strength, quite match in beauty or character the Decca rivals.

Solti too is at his most sparkling on the Decca set but a key point for many will be that Haitink here very effectively gives *Figaro* more weight than usual, bringing out the element of seriousness, as he did in *Cosi*, drawing all three of the Da



Thomas Allen: commanding

relaxed geniality of his playing the fun and fantasy, similarly more apt of these highly original teenage inspirations than the grand manner.

The first two discs in the series each bring a valuable bonus in the alternative movements which Mozart wrote for two of the concertos. So the favourite coupling of the third and fifth of the concertos, K.216 in G and K.219 in A, has as a supplement the E major Adagio. K.261, which was Mozart's first idea for a slow movement for K.219.

Similarly the coupling of No. 1, K.207 in B flat, with No. 4, K.218 in D, brings as bonus the alternative finale for K.207, replacing the brisk Haydn-esque movement regularly played with the easy jollity of the galloping 6/8 Rondo in B

flat. K.269. On CD you can play the alternative movements instead of the usual ones.

Mozart: *Le nozze di Figaro*. Haitink/Desderi/Lot/Roland/Silwell/Esham/Korn/Glyndebourne Chorus/LPO. EMI CDS 749752-2 (three CDs), EX 749753-3/5 (three LPs/cassettes).

Mozart: Mass in C minor. Gardiner/McNair/Montague/Rolfe/Johnson/Hampfmann/Monteverdi Choir/English Baroque Soloists.

Philips 420210-2/1/4 (CD/LP/cassette).

Mozart: Violin Concertos Nos 3 and 5, Adagio in E, CBS MK/M/MT 42364 (CD/LP/cassette). Nos 1 and 4, Rondo in B flat, CBS MK/M/MT 44503 (CD/LP/cassette).

By Robin Denselow

PUNK and reliability may seem an odd combination, but the new-style Iggy Pop manages to bring them together. After a wild 20-year career, which has often teetered on the edge of disaster, the one-time maniac and punk prototype has cleaned up his life and his sound re-emerged as the exponent of a high-energy guitar rock style in which punk is dressed up for the mass market.

The 1986 LP, *Blah Blah Blah* marked the beginning of the change and included that stirring rock'n'roll hit, *Real Wild Child*. *Instinct* continues the process, with Pop even more firmly in control.

This time Iggy is joined by Bowie but by that other collaborator from *Blah Blah Blah*, former Sex Pistol Steve Jones, who is now doing very nicely by helping out the US rock establishment. Fresh from playing with Dylan on *Down In The Groove*, he provides the solid, no-nonsense guitar riffs that are the backbone of the set.

Iggy's other collaborator is Bill Laswell, the multi-cultural fusion exponent and the producer responsible for Public Image's Album LP. He's retained all Pop's old punk energy but pared-down and cleaned up the sound, balancing the vocals and the thunderous backing in such a way that Iggy can still sound lyrical

Punk, funk, fusion

and even thoughtful with full-tit rock riffs crashing behind him. This is a confident mainstream guitar rock album that's still a distinctive Iggy Pop product.

It's good to see guitar rock energy returning to fashion in the States, and the move can only help the Georgia Satellites, a good old-fashioned four-piece boogie band with suitable haircuts (or lack of them).

The selection includes solid rolling Southern rock pieces like Baby So Fine, some chugging boogie, a dash of country rock with Don't Pass Me By, and a solid guitar work-out on the rock'n'rock classic, Whole Lotta Shakin'. More conventional than Iggy, but equally reliable.

If white Americans are moving back to guitars, black American is still excited by technology. The most intriguing black LP of the week is by great James Brown himself — the man whose back-catalogue has been borrowed, stolen or "stamped" by every rapper and high-tech funkster going.

With help from the slick, cool Full Force team, Brown himself now joins in the process, after first delivering a warning to "all you copy-cats out there" with a bit of self-promotion

that's very much in the current rap tradition.

What follows is a curious fusion of the old James Brown sweaty funk and the new cool designer funk of a team skilled in technology rather than live performance. Brown sings against a light, slick backing, complete with scratching techniques and cool vocals, and still has the personality, power and emotion not to be swamped by all the electronics.

Over in Detroit, once the home of the glorious Motown bands, technology has taken over completely, judging from the Techno! compilation. Washington's Go-Go styles and Chicago's House music may be fusing disco, rap, funk and other black dance styles, but the new Detroit music is far less human or cheerful — a mechanical work-out that sounds like the missing link between James Brown and Kraftwerk.

This two-album set is a compilation of tracks produced by newcomers like Juan Atkins and Derrick May, and ranges from incredibly repetitive bursts of electro-percussion to passages of light ambient funk in which the computers produce what sounds like rhythmic film music. There are interesting passages, like Blake Baxter's

cool and promiscuous Ride 'Em Boy, but this is a set that leads to instant nostalgia for the optimism of Detroit in the Sixties, and the era of the Supremes and The Temptations.

From over in Minneapolis there's a standard burst of hit parade fodder from a lady with a pedigree to make the records company bosses drool. Tyka Nelson is the sister of a certain Prince Rogers Nelson, who is rather better known as Prince, but that doesn't mean that she has his originality.

She can turn out breathy dance songs and pleasant, professional ballads like Paris and Marc Anthony's Tune, but it's all pretty forgettable.

From this side of the Atlantic, there's a rather more ambitious debut from another girl with a musical pedigree. Sam Brown is the daughter of Sixties rocker Joe Brown, and has worked as backing singer for the likes of Spandau Ballet and Adam and The Ants.

Now, joined by Pink Floyd guitarist Dave Gilmour for a couple of the tracks, she aims well outside the pop mainstream with a set of 12 very different songs — all of which she co-wrote — which range from sophisticated balladry to funk, from R&B and a slinky

late-night mood piece like Piece of My Luck, to a delightfully quirky combination of British music-hall and opera in Tea.

Her range is as impressive as her acrobatic vocals and she hits all the right notes, but the quality of her singing can't keep up with her writing. A brave debut for all that.

Finally, the statutory Good Irish Band of the week, and the debut from Dublin's The Stars Of Heaven. They've already released a mini-LP, Sacred Heart Hotel, and an EP, Holy-Head, and now follow up with a full set that shows off their blend of light, semi-acoustic country-tinged guitar, and the muted vocals of Steven Ryan.

A pleasant, charming set, even if they won't set the world alight like some of their contemporaries.

Iggy Pop: *Instinct* (A&M AMA5198). The Georgia Satellites: Open All Night (Elektra EKT47). James Brown with Full Force: I'm Real (Scotti Bros/Polydor POLD5230). Techno! The New Dance Sound Of Detroit (10 Records DIXG75). Tyka Nelson: Royal Blue (Cordtempo/Chrysalis CTLP7). Sam Brown: Stop! (A&M AMAS195). The Stars Of Heaven: Speak Slowly (Rough Trade ROUGH121).

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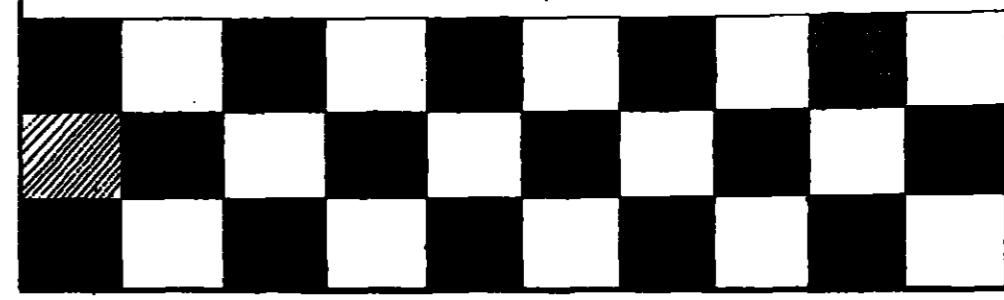
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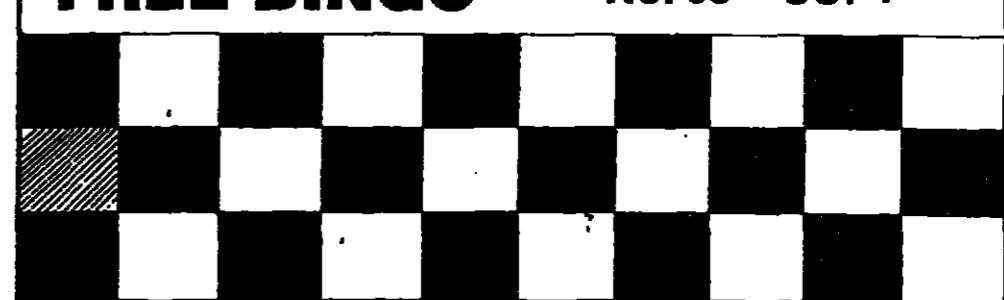
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Sam Brown... acrobatic vocals well outside the pop mainstream.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Mobilising the Gulf's human resources

DEFICIENCY in the quality and quantity of indigenous human resources is perceived to be the most important bottleneck to progress in the Gulf region under the current development strategy.

For industrialisation and economic diversification to succeed, and in order to reduce the region's over-dependence on expatriate labour, a higher percentage of nationals needs to be trained managerial, technical and operational skills according to a monthly publication of Gulf International Bank, Bahrain.

The challenge facing policy makers is not only to upgrade the capacity of the national workforce to the point where they could play a more active role in the productive sectors of their economies, but also to develop new attitudes towards technical and blue-collar jobs and render them more socially acceptable.

Training

Problems of mobilising human resources in the region are not only limited to training and acquiring new skills and attitudes towards certain jobs, they also include wage structure by skill and occupation, disequilibrium in the demand and supply of labour, upgrading the educational infrastructure, as well as changing demographic trends and prospects of integrating women into the labour force.

Analysis of manpower planning issues have been limited in the past by the unavailability of relevant data.

Human resource development

requires a long lead time. The current deficiencies in the quality and skill composition of the national workforce must, therefore, wait for sufficient numbers of graduates to pass through a vastly expanded primary and secondary school system, systematic expansion of vocational and technical institutes, and substantial improvements in the quality of teacher training.

The change in attitudes, whereby nationals start to accept working in certain jobs and students attracted to university education just for the name of it realise that they will be better off pursuing vocational and technical training, will also take time to materialise.

Over-exaggerated

The often publicised gloom over employment prospects of expatriates in the Gulf is over-exaggerated. The completion of major infrastructural projects has released a large number of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the construction and supporting activities, many of which were repatriated back home.

Although this labour intensive phase of the region's development is almost over, there is a steadily growing need for professionals and higher skilled workers in services, operation, maintenance and the emerging industrial sectors.

Demand for certain skills will exceed indigenous supply for many years to come. There will be, therefore, a clear continuing role for expatriates in the region,

A study by Gulf International Bank of Bahrain on the problems of mobilising human resources in the Arabian Gulf region will be serialised from today. Following is Part 1 of the series.

albeit with a different skill composition than what was needed in the 70s and early 80s.

According to United Nations statistics based on national censuses and demographic surveys, the six GCC states had a combined population of 15.79 million in 1986 with Saudi Arabia (10 million) being by far the largest country. Kuwait's population was put at 1.82 million, UAE's 1.67 million, Oman's 1.31 million, Bahrain's 0.43 million and Qatar's 0.389 million.

The number of non-nationals was around 6.4 million or close to 40 percent of the region's total population. Although Saudi Arabia absorbed by far the largest number of expatriates, the percentage of non-nationals was highest in UAE and Qatar, around 74 per cent and 73 per cent respectively.

Expatriates comprised a lower share of total population in the other Gulf states, in Kuwait around 59 per cent, Oman 38 per cent, Bahrain 32 per cent, and Saudi Arabia 31 per cent.

There is a higher percentage of males than females in the Gulf, with around 60 per cent of the region's total population being males. Most of the expatriates, especially the larger number of unskilled labour, are single men whose families do not accom-

pany them during their stay in the region.

The ratio of males in the total population differs from one country to another. It is as high as 68 per cent in the UAE, 65 per cent in Qatar, 60 percent in Saudi Arabia, while it is lower in Kuwait and Oman, at around 57 per cent. Nationals exhibit a more balanced population structure with the percentage of males close to a worldwide average of 50 per cent.

Fertility

A common characteristic of high fertility rate is observed in the region, especially among nationals, leading to high birth rates and a very youthful age structure. The average number of children that would be born alive per woman during her lifetime ranges for nationals between 5.9 in Bahrain to 7.5 in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman.

The average crude birth rate (number of live births per 1,000 persons) is over 40 in all the Gulf countries and the average crude death rate per 1,000 population is less than seven in Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar, around 15 in Saudi Arabia and 17 in Oman.

The high fertility and declining mortality rates were responsible for the extremely high growth of the region's national population, averaging around 3.5 percent for the period 1975-1985.

However, the relatively high female illiteracy rates are inflated

by the lack of education in the older age groups.

The economic participation rates for Gulf nationals is relatively low ranging between 27.5 per cent for Bahrain and 18.1 percent for UAE. Even male participation rates are lower than worldwide averages reflecting the young age structure of the population, with more than 50 percent being too young to enter the modern workforce. The participation rates of national women, even though have been on the rise with increased female education, nevertheless in certain Gulf countries are still at extremely low levels. These were lowest in the UAE 1.5 percent in 1986, and highest in Bahrain and Kuwait, 11.0 percent and 7.8 per cent respectively.

Gulf population is also highly urbanised. More than two thirds of the total population lives in urban areas with a much higher percentage (above 80 per cent) for Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Bahrain. The phenomenon of "primate cities" in the region is worth noting in this respect, with international migration adding to the cities own demographic dynamics.

Literacy rates

Literacy rates for nationals have been on the rise in the various Gulf countries. In 1986, over 75 per cent of national men were literate compared to around 55 per cent for women. Female illiteracy rates have decreased considerably with the advance of education of girls in the various Gulf states.

However, the relatively high female illiteracy rates are inflated

(To be continued)

Abu Dhabi firm scaled down drilling plans

ABU DHABI, July 4. (OPECNA): The Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Oil (ADCO) launched 11 drilling and workover programmes in the beginning of 1987, but scaled down the figure to four by the end of the year, according to a company report.

Two drilling and two workover rigs were operated during the first quarter of the year, with one deployed for exploration and three for development.

The report says after the completion and commissioning of major field projects, including power and distribution facilities, the company substantially increased its 1987 operating and maintenance programmes.

Norway and Mexico agree to keep an eye on oil market

VIENNA, July 4. (OPECNA): Norway and Mexico, two major non-OPEC oil producers, have agreed to keep a careful watch on the international oil market, OPECNA learnt today.

Gunnar Myrvang, special assistant to the Norwegian Minister of Oil and Energy, Arne Oeien, said in a telephone interview from Oslo that the understanding was reached during the minister's visit to Mexico last week where he held a number of meetings with Mexican secretary of Energy and Mines Fernando Balderama Hiriat.

He told OPECNA that the two countries had also expressed their readiness to continue to support OPEC efforts to bring stability to the world oil scene.

Myrvang, who accompanied

Oeien, described the talks in Mexico City as "an in-depth exchange of information and opinion on the international oil market situation."

He said the two countries had similar views on recent oil market developments and future trends.

While in Caracas, Oeien explained Norway's decision to support OPEC efforts to bring stability to the world oil scene.

Exploration

Oeien's tour began in Brazil, where he held talks on the Latin American country's involvement in North Sea oil exploration.

Later, he went to Venezuela where he held detailed discussions with Minister of Energy and Mines Dr Arturo Hernandez Grisanti.

Britain raises interest rates again

LONDON, July 4. (Reuters): Britain raised interest rates today for the fifth time since early June in a renewed effort to brake a credit-fuelled consumer spending spree which the government fears will reinforce inflation.

The Bank of England (central bank) raised its money market lending rate half a percentage point to 10 per cent.

This is the rate at which it lends money to commercial banks and the move was intended to force more British interest rates up again.

Led

Within minutes, Barclays and the Midland Banks, second and third biggest in Britain, led the commercial banks in raising base lending rates by half a point to 10 per cent.

Economists had expected the rise since last week, when the bank raised its rate to 9.5 percent after Britain reported a record £1.21 billion (\$2.04 billion) current account balance of payments deficit in May.

That deficit, which measures trade and international payments for such services as

banking, shipping and tourism, is a key signal of inflationary pressure, economists said.

The British government has worried that a big deficit means Britons are spending too much on imports and that the buying spree will send inflation soaring.

The British Treasury said today it felt a further tightening of credit was appropriate after interest rates elsewhere rose last week.

Worried

It has worried that a big current account deficit means Britons are spending too much on imports.

West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, raised its key discount rate to three per cent from 2.5 per cent last week.

With today's increase, the Bank of England has boosted interest rates 2.5 percentage points from the 10-year lows reached in May, when the government wanted to cool a rally in the pound sterling which it feared would price British goods off foreign markets.

The pound held steady at \$1.69 after today's rate hike.

The FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares was also steady at about 1,842.

Both the pound and the London stock market had dipped earlier in the day, as investors shifted funds from dollars and gold after US forces in the Gulf shot down an Iranian airliner carrying 290 people.

Havens

Investors see the dollar and gold as safe havens for their funds when international tensions mount.

Earlier, Britain said credit advanced by finance houses, stores and through credit cards jumped to £4.08 billion (\$6.9 billion) in May, up 9.4 per cent from the April total.

Following the bank interest rate rise to 10 per cent, The Halifax, Britain's biggest building (savings and loan) society, said its mortgage (home loan) rates were almost certain to rise.

They are now at 9.5 per cent and were likely to go up from August 1 to between 10.75 and 11.25 percent, a spokesman said. "A rise is almost certain," he added.

Inflation could disrupt Poland's economic reforms

WARSAW, July 4. (Reuters): Polish economy chief Wladyslaw Baka has warned that inflation could disrupt the government's programme of sweeping economic reforms and lead to new unrest.

"The monetary and market situation today and the prospects for curbing inflation are worse than a year ago," Baka was quoted yesterday by the official PAP news agency as saying.

This could lead to the spread of "black-marketing, the emergence of pockets of wealth and areas of poverty as well as an increase in social tension," Baka said.

Finance Minister Bazyl Samoilik said recently that inflation reached 48 per cent at the end of May compared with 26 per cent for all of 1987.

Baka, an economics professor and president of the Polish

National Bank, was named to the Communist Party's policy-making politburo last month and put in charge of the government's faltering economic reforms.

An advocate of a tight-money policy, he had sharply criticised price increases which triggered a two-week wave of labour unrest in April and May.

Personal incomes have been rising at a swifter pace than prices and resulting in shortages, Baka said, but most Poles complain of runaway price increases.

Listed

"If market equilibrium is not achieved and money is not strengthened, the reforms designed to stimulate the economy will all be in vain," he added.

Internal Trade Minister Jerzy Jozwiak yesterday listed household appliances, furniture and various food products among the many items now in short supply.

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Two of the women, who are aged between 28 and 39 and all married, work as chief accountants for Mauritanian bank and state institutions, two work in economic and financial management and two work in the fishing industry.

They said they were impressed with American women's organisations such as the National Women's Democratic Club and Creative Associates, a development consulting firm founded by women.

"We want to make the point that Arab and Muslim women are not typical women who are always at home, who are not independent and who do not take care of themselves," said Jemila Taya, manager and owner of a fishing company.

"People are often surprised when we explain that we have bankers and accountants too," she said.

Mauritanian women to fine time to do volunteer work.

"These groups really know what they want. They plan well ahead which is what we need. We do not have the organisation yet," Jemila Taya said.

Programme

Their three-week travel through the United States in June was part of a programme called human resources development assistance for Africa by the US Agency for International Development (AID).

The programme will receive \$70 million over the next five years to train 10,000 Africans in managerial skills, an AID official said.

They will be trained to learn modern management techniques," the officials said. "We want

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON—Telefonica de Espana is issuing a 200 mn dir convertible Eurobond due July 27, 2003 with an indicated coupon of four to 4-1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager, S.G. Warburg securities said. (RTU 0909)

FRANKFURT—Eurofima, European company for the financing of railroad rolling stock, said it is issuing a 400 mn mark, 10-year bullet Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-5/8. (RTVC 1006)

FRANKFURT—Thailand is issuing a 200 mn mark, five-year Eurobond with a 5-3/4 pct coupon priced at 100-1/8, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTWY 1121)

MADRID—The World Bank is to issue a 10 billion peseta "Matador" bond, Banco de Bilbao SA's merchant banking division said as lead manager. The 10-year bullet bond, due Dec 8, 1998 and carrying a fixed 10-5/8 pct coupon, will be priced and redeemable at par. (RTWY 1121)

LONDON—Toyo Tire and Rubber Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mn dir equity warrant Eurobond due July 28, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-1/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Yamaiichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTUV 0934)

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ACC	233	232	223	GIFC	43	43	43	HUKAND	84.50	85.50	84
ASIA PAINT	153.75	153.75	151.25	GRASIM	106	107	106	NOCL	445	440	435
BAJAJ AUTO	258.75	258.75	255	HIND LEVER	65.50	65	65.50	PEITCO	31	30	31
BAL DYEING	242.50	240	245	HINDALCO	85.50	86	86.50	PFIZER	71	66.50	65.50
BR. BOND	85	84	85	HINDCOT	81	80	78.75	PRE-AUTO	35.50	35.50	33.75
BSE INDEX	583.50	577.55	577.55	HINDRAYMOND	49	48.50	49				
CENTURYSPG	840	840	840	INDRAYMOND	68.50	68.50	69	STEWENS	66	65	65
COLGATE	207.50	207.50	205.75	INDROL	175	177.50	175	SPIC	47.50	48.50	48
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GAR. POLY	83.50	80	80	MASTERSH	11	11	11.50	TISCO	841.25	842.50	837.50
GE. SHIP	27.50	27.25	27.50	WATHER PL	54	54	54	VOLTAZ	292.50	287.50	292.50

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AKAI ELEC	686	695	HITSUB RVY	863	860
ASANI GAS	1990	1960	HITSUKI CO	910	910
ASANI OPT	755	760	HITSUKI EL	1650	1650
BANK TOKYO	1560	1560	HICHON	1360	1350
BRIDGESTON	1310	1330	HIBON CHMT	859	850
CANON	1230	1240	HIKKO SEC	1890	1900
CASIO COMP	1250	1270	HIP ELEC	2090	2090
CHUGAI MFG	0	1530	HIP KOKAN	562	572
CITIZEN W	880	885	HIP OIL	1110	1090
D-ICHI KAN	3110	3110	HIP STEEL	576	585
DAI NIP IK	808	805	HIP YUSEN	751	748
DAI NIP PT	2460	2440	HIS MOTOR	1010	1000
DAI NIP'SC	1100	1080	HONURA SEC	3620	3610
DAI NIP TO	677	670	ORIBA CO	990	970
DAICEL	872	870	OLYMPUS	1090	1080
DAIMA H	1860	1840	PENTA OCN	880	868
DAIMA SEC	2330	2310	PIONEER	3020	3090
EBRA MFG	980	975	RENOHN	935	941
EISAI	2020	2020	RICOH	1250	1260
FUJITSU	1530	1550	SANKYO	1910	1890
FUJI BANK	3160	3170	SANYO ELEC	707	700
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FUJISAWA	1750	1720	SEKISUI PB	1660	1680
FUJITA CP	755	749	SHARP	1170	1160
HITACHI	1440	1450	SHISEIDO	1760	1790
HONDA MOT	1670	1670	SUMITOMO	1080	1070
ISETAN	1860	1790	TAISEI	916	920
ITO YOKADO	4270	4300	TANITA	1050	1050
KOJIMA EL	2950	2950	TOKO NRY	148.25	148.97
MATSUTA EL	0	2450	TANWATCHI	1860	1850
MATSUTA NL	0	2660	YAMANOUDI	3870	3880
MEIJI SEIK	945	949	YAMAZAKI	1430	1440

Tokyo Stock Market Report

DOLLAR CLOSES FIRMER BUT OFF HIGHS IN QUIET TOKYO TOKYO, JULY 4, REUTER—SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED DUE TO HIGHS ON PROFIT-TAKING AND FEARS OF BANK OF JAPAN DOLLAR SALES AFTER A RISE TO A YEAR'S HIGH OF 135.20 YEN, DEALERS SAID.

THE DOLLAR SURGED, ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS, BEFORE THE OPENING HERE AFTER NEWS ON SUNDAY THAT THE U.S. SHOT DOWN AN IRANIAN AIRLiner. BUT TRADING WAS QUIET BECAUSE OF THE MARKET CLOSURE IN NEW YORK TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY.

THE DOLLAR CLOSED AT 134.85 YEN AND 1.8225/35 MARKS AGAINST 134.40/50 AND 1.8200/10 IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY. IT ROSE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL AGAINST THE YEN SINCE NOVEMBER 20 LAST YEAR.

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE MIXED ON DOLLAR WORRIES TOKYO, JULY 4, REUTER—SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED DUE TO CONTINUED WORRY ABOUT WHETHER THE DOLLAR WOULD STOP RISING AGAINST THE YEN, AND A SHORT AFTERNOON BURST OF EXTRA STRENGTH IN THE DOLLAR FUELLED FEARS, BROKERS SAID.

"THERE IS TALK THAT THE MARKET CAN HANDLE 138 YEN TO THE DOLLAR, BUT THEN THERE IS A FEELING IT CAN THEN GO UP TO 140," SAID FUND MANAGER YOSHIMIRO SAMADA OF SANTO INVESTMENT TRUST MANAGEMENT CO. "THE OUTLOOK IS UNCLEAR."

THE NIKKEI INDEX SHED 2.13 POINTS TO 27,360.39. IT SANK 141.01 POINTS IN HALF-DAY TRADING ON SATURDAY. FALLS LED RISES 1.2 TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 900 MILN AGAINST 900 MILN ON SATURDAY.

SECURITIES HOUSE, SERVICE, CREDIT/LEASE, TRUCKING, ROLLING STOCK, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, BANK, GAS AND SOME MANUFACTURING STOCKS LED THE DECLINE.

AIRLINE, OIL, REAL ESTATE, PHARMACEUTICAL, RAILWAY/BUS, SHIPPING/BUILDING, NON-LIFE INSURANCE AND GLASS/CEMENT ISSUES ROSE.

CONTINUED VOLATILITY IN YEN/DOLLAR RATES HAS UNSETLED INVESTORS, AS WELL AS SPECULATION AS TO WHEN AND IF THE BANK OF JAPAN WILL INTERVENE.

"IT IS NOT SO MUCH THAT THE DOLLAR IS AT 135," SAID A BROKER. "BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT WILL BE AT TOMORROW."

"THE MARKET SHOULD FLUCTUATE AT AROUND THESE LEVELS FOR A WHILE," SAID A FUND MANAGER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE BANK. "THERE ARE SOME ECONOMIC INDICATORS TO BE RELEASED FROM THE U.S. FAIRLY SOON, SUCH AS THE TRADE DEFICIT FIGURE."

BROKERS ANTICIPATE THE MARKET WILL AGAIN FOCUS ON THE RELEASE OF THE DATA AS IT APPROACHES.

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY IN THE U.S. HAS FURTHER DISRUDED INVESTORS FROM TAKING POSITIONS AND THIS WAS REFLECTED IN CONSIDERABLY LOWER VOLUME.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	HONG KONG	1830	1820
H C TUNNEL	17.70	17.70	HOKYO ELEC	1200	1180
CHENG K	7.75	7.80	HONDA MOT	17.90	17.90
CHINA GAS	18.00	18.20	HONKA L-P	25.50	25.80
CHINA L-P	17.90	17.90	HOSOI PROP	.57	.60
CHINA MOT	25.50	25.80	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
COSMO PROP	.41	.41	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
EVERGO IND	.57	.60	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
FAR EAST C	.85	.88	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
GEM ORIENT	0	44.00	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
H C DEVELP	9.80	9.90	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
H S INDEX	87.62	86.64	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HANG LUNG	5.40	5.45	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HANG SENG	28.90	28.30	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HAN PAR BR	0	21.00	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HCK ELECT CO	7.40	7.40	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HK KOMLOON	8.00	7.95	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HK LAND CO	7.60	7.65	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HK SHAN BK	6.30	6.20	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HK SHAN HT	5.05	5.10	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HK TELE CO	7.20	7.15	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
HUTCH WHAM	8.85	9.00	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
IND EQ PAC	12.30	12.40	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
JARDINE H	13.30	13.30	HOTEL	4.80	4.90
KOLOKON H	9.75				

Gold prices rise sharply in Tokyo

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): The dollar, gold and oil firmed today as dealers said they expected international tensions to mount after US forces shot down an Iranian airliner carrying 290 people yesterday.

Investors look on the dollar as a safe haven for funds in times of tension, as they do with gold.

Iran said frogmen have recovered 150 bodies from the airliner, shot down by US forces in the Gulf. The United States said the airliner was mistaken for a fighter.

Helped

"It may have helped to support the dollar, as when there is a crisis like this there is a tendency towards strength in the dollar," said Jeff Bahrburg an investment strategist at brokers Merrill Lynch Japan Inc.

But dealers said trading was subdued, with few investors eager to buy actively until American markets reopen after the July 4 Independence Day holiday.

The dollar rose more than half a pfennig and nearly one yen to 1.8250 West German marks and nearly 135 yen. Britain's pound sterling fell more than a cent to trade below \$1.69.

Options

But while bullion jumped sharply in Tokyo, to a high of \$438.75 an ounce, it was fixed later in London at \$437.15 up 30 cents from Friday afternoon.

Oil prices also jumped in Tokyo and slipped in Europe, where Brent crude oil from the North Sea rose about 10 cents a barrel to about \$14.30 for August delivery.

"Iran has very few options to

retaliate against the US, said one Asian oil trader, and nobody is worried that they might try to close the Hormuz Strait" at the mouth of the Gulf.

"It's technically impossible and economically impossible for Iran," he added. Iran exports all of its oil through Hormuz.

One-sixth of the non-communist world's oil moves through the Gulf, and dealers worry that any threat to those shipments would boost oil prices.

But a huge worldwide glut of oil means supplies are now easy to get and dealers say that means oil prices are likely to remain low for the time being.

Still, stockbrokers said some investors are looking for oil prices to firm — shares in oil companies rose.

Stocks

But stocks markets generally were quiet.

Paris shares rose 0.42 per cent and Frankfurt's Dax 30-share index opened 8.06 points higher at 171.58, but the Zurich market was steady and Amsterdam's CBS All Share index was unchanged at 93.4. Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 0.5 points to 1,599.6 while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was up 2.98 points to close at 2,678.62.

Equity prices were dull in late London business, having shown little reaction to news of a much anticipated 1/2 point rise in UK bank base rates to 10 per cent.

The market opened lower on the back of news a US warship had shot down an Iranian airliner, prompting fears of a significantly depressive effect on Wall Street stock prices. Dealers



Figures on an exchange quotation board at the Bank of Tokyo being changed after the dollar rose to a morning high of 131.15. (Reuters wirephoto)

said the closure of the US market today, due to the Independence Day holiday, may limit any fall as the market will have had time to give a considered response to the action.

At 1515 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 10.8 off at 1,847.4.

In Tokyo, increasing tension in the Gulf pushed the US dollar to a year's high of 135.20 yen early today but the currency fell back later due to profit-taking.

and fears of Bank of Japan dollar sales, dealers said.

Trading was quiet because the New York markets were closed for the Independence Day holiday.

The dollar ended at 134.85 yen and 1.8225/35 West German marks against 134.45 and 1.8200/10 in New York on Friday. Its morning peak was its highest level against the yen since November 20 last year.

"The market bought US dollars as a safe-haven currency but they had been in overbought dollar positions so they soon started selling dollars for profit-taking," said one dealer.

Some dealers said that while the news of the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by a US warship in the Gulf may temporarily help to boost the dollar, in the medium term it may be a negative factor because such an incident could damage the Reagan administration politically.

"The market bought US

Traders expect gain to be short-lived

Iranian retaliation against US unlikely to raise oil prices

TOKYO, July 4, (Reuters): An action Iran might take against the United States in retaliation for the destruction of an Iran Air plane is unlikely to bolster crude oil prices in the current glutted market, oil experts said today.

"It was a bad incident but it's not going to stop the flow of oil from Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi," said one oil trader.

Iran accused the United States of a barbaric massacre in shooting down the airliner between Bandar Abbas and Dubai in the Gulf yesterday, killing all 290 passengers.

It has vowed revenge, rejecting a US explanation that the attack was an accident.

Oil prices jumped 20 cents a barrel to around \$12.70 a barrel for the Middle East benchmark Dubai crude through nervousness over increasing tension in the Gulf, lifting them off Friday's 19-month lows.

Most traders expected the gains to be short-lived.

The question is how might the Iranians come back at the Americans?" an international oil trader asked.

"Their ability to strike hard in the Gulf is pretty small and bomb attacks on US embassies are not going to affect oil prices," he said.

"Iran has very few options to retaliate against the United States," said another oil trader.

"And nobody is worried that they might try to close the Hormuz Strait ... it's technically impossible and economically impossible to damage the Reagan administration politically."

Around seven million barrels of oil passes through the strait each day. Iran exports all its oil through the waterway.

Most oil traders agreed that possible Iranian retaliatory action against the US or renewed efforts in its war against Iraq, including bombing other Gulf states, could not bolster oil prices more than briefly in the current glutted market.

Crude oil prices plunged over a dollar last week to their lowest level since December 1986 on reports that the UAE had authorised Abu Dhabi to raise its oil output by around 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) in the oversupplied market.

MEES said that it was "authoritatively informed" that the UAE decision "is taken to be final and non-negotiable whatever future pressures may be forthcoming from OPEC members and elsewhere."

The review said that an agreement has been reached to split the 1.5 million barrels a day production on the basis of 1.1 million barrels a day for Abu Dhabi, the largest oil producer in the federation, and 400,000 barrels a day for Dubai.

Demand for the oil organisation's oil is expected to be at least one million BPD lower than this in the third quarter of the year.

"People think any bullishness due to Iran's threats against the United States is temporary and look forward to selling if the price goes up," said a trader for a European oil company.

Meanwhile, Middle East Economic Survey reported today that the UAE has increased oil production, formally repudiating the quota allocated to it by the OPEC.

The respected oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia, may indicate a lower number."

Arab Economic Unity Council meets in Amman

AMMAN, July 4, (KUNA): Members of the Arab Economic Unity Council's committee for deputy representatives resumed sitting here under chairmanship of Kuwaiti chief delegate Mutsafa Al Shimali.

The committee discussed draft agenda of the EUC's 49th ordinary session scheduled to open here on Wednesday in addition to secretary-general's report and the general secretariat's memo on amending basic structures of the Arab Union of Sea Carriers, promoting inter-Arab trade and the council's financial status.

EUC sources said that deciding on resignation of secretary-general Hani Al Khasawna, who is currently Jordanian information minister, was postponed until convocation of the council in the presence of Arab finance and economy ministers.

Former Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim is the sole candidate to replace Khasawna so far.

The sources noted that the difficult financial situation of the EUC's general secretariat will occupy major part of the exchanges since \$5.5 million are still not paid by members, that Kuwait has paid most of its share which amounts to 27 per cent of the budget.

The committee meeting was opened last night by a statement by assistant secretary-general Dr Hassan Gharaibeh affirming importance of joint Arab endeavor and supporting its institutions.

Panamanians gain more access to funds

PANAMA CITY, July 4, (AP): The government said Panamanians can begin withdrawing more funds from their checking accounts starting today in a further easing of banking restrictions imposed after a two-month shutdown last spring.

Customers will be able to withdraw 40 per cent of the funds in their accounts up to a maximum of 20,000 dollars, said a communiqué released yesterday by the National Banking Commission.

The government closed 67 of Panama's 117 banks on March 3 after a run on deposits provoked by the country's political crisis and US economic sanctions aimed at forcing the ouster of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Customers were permitted to withdraw 25 per cent of their funds, up to a maximum of \$10,000, after the banks reopened on May 9.

The run on deposits began on Feb. 26, the day after Noriega, Panama's de facto ruler, deposed President Eric Arturo Delvalle shortly after Delvalle tried to fire the general.

A US freeze on \$50 million in Panamanian government deposits in the United States left the National Bank of Panama, the country's central bank, unable to cover large withdrawals.

The administration of US President Ronald Reagan also imposed other economic sanctions in a bid to force Noriega to resign as head of the defence forces and leave Panama.

Sales of luxury goods increase in Japan

Government bid to boost domestic spending

TOKYO, July 4, (AP): Burgeoning sales of luxury cars, European furniture and polished diamonds are signs that the once-frugal Japanese are eagerly embracing the government's bid to boost domestic spending.

Analysts say skyrocketing property values, easy credit, stable prices and the yen's rise against the US dollar and other currencies are spurring a fast-growing market for luxury goods — a turnaround from the three years of slumping consumption when the surging yen subdued the export-driven economy.

Grew

Consumer demand as measured by department store sales jumped 8.2 per cent in April from a year earlier, according to the Japan Department Stores Association. Total sales by 254 major department stores last year rose an average 4.7 per cent every month, the association said.

And the Gross National Product, which measures total

output of goods and services, grew at an annualised rate of 11.3 per cent in the first quarter of this year, figures from the economic planning agency show.

"People regard expensive, new products as a means of being somewhat different from others," said Takayuki Ikeda, manager of the consumer electronics product division at Matsuya Co., a major department store on Tokyo's bustling Ginza.

In 1985 the company began marketing its 37-inch (94 cm) colour television set, the industry equivalent of 35-inch American models, for 478,000 yen (\$3,825).

Bought

"At first we never thought a large-sized TV with a built-in picture tube would be accepted in Japanese homes, which some Europeans have ridiculed as 'rabbit huts,'" Ikeda told the Associated Press. "But the opposite is true. People have

realised that the larger the TV screen, the more fun they can have, the more feeling of real abundance."

Japanese bought 9.6 million colour TV sets last year, 20 per cent of which measured 22 inches (56 cm) or larger, industry figures show, up 12 per cent from 1986.

Automakers are riding a wave of Japanese seeking bigger, more expensive cars. Toyota Motor Co. in April sold 14,673 of its large-size, 4.6-million-yen (\$37,000), top-of-the-line Crown models — a 92.5 per cent jump from a year earlier.

In Japan, passenger cars with engine capacity of 2,000 or more cubic centimeters fall into the "large-size" luxury category.

"The domestic auto market as a whole has expanded following the government's policy" to boost domestic demand, said a Toyota official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"If there is oil there, it could be a substantial amount — a billion barrels or more," Alan Powers, regional director of the US Interior Department's Minerals Management Service, told Reuters.

Alaskan offshore oil potential high

LOS ANGELES, July 4, (Reuters): Alaska already produces a quarter of US oil output and the message now is that there might be a lot more waiting to be found there.

"We think there's one chance out of five that there'll be an economic discovery of some magnitude made," Powers said.

But he added: "Only drilling will tell us."

"It's probably one of the most hostile regions you could explore for oil," said Susan Andrews, a spokeswoman for Atlantic Richfield's Arco Alaska unit.

Despite harsh weather and the high cost of exploring in the arctic, the hope of major finds brought an unexpectedly strong response for sale of Chukchi sea drilling leases held on May 25 by the US Interior Department.

Interest

"There's a lot of interest because people see it as very prospective area that hasn't been explored," Andrews said.

Analysts said that, while oil exploration in Alaska and the

rest of the United States was hard hit by the collapse in oil prices in 1986, there are signs of recovery.

"This year we're going to see capital spending and drilling budgets up anywhere from 20 to 25 per cent for most of the major companies," said Philip Kehl, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

"That's a reflection of the lower cost of drilling today, and I think, expectation of better prices down the road," Kehl said.

The Chukchi sea sale drew a record number of bids for any federal offshore lease outside the gulf of Mexico, powers of the Minerals Management Service reported, with a total of 653 bids worth \$666.2 million being made.

Shell Western Exploration and Production, for instance, with partners DuPont Co's Conoco Inc and French-owned Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine, combined to bid more than \$300 million for offshore tracts.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein.

Stores must close by 6:30 pm on weekdays and by 2 pm on Saturdays. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. MEW/22/47/88/89

Tender's internal No. 985/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water

Requirements: Replacement of fresh & brackish water net from asbestos to durable in Kaifan

Relevant fee: KD50/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 2.8.88

Tender No. MEW/22/47/88/90

Tender's internal No. 986/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Rent of vehicles to

work in Faikha island schools

Relevant fee: KD200/-

Initial guarantee: KD200/- of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 7.8.88

Tender No. D 2783

Tender's internal No. 990/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Supply of precast

pipe supports

Dear Junior Readers.

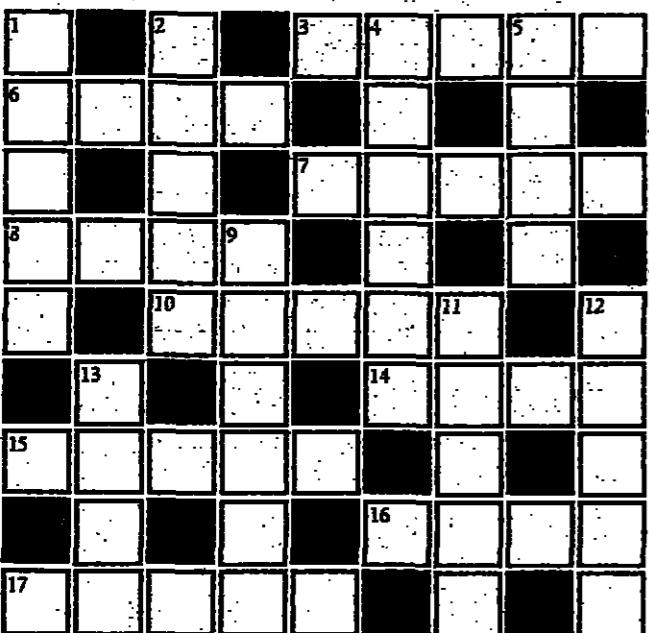
It has now been a month since I started on the Junior Times and I have enjoyed putting the page together very much. I do hope that you are happy with the stories, puzzles, information and other items that appear on the page, but, of course, I cannot really know how you feel about it if you do not tell me!

In my very first letter, you may remember that I suggested that if you had any ideas for new things you would like to see, I would be pleased to hear from you. Since then, I cannot really say that my postbag has been bursting at the seams! Where are all these brilliant ideas? Where are your poems, jokes, pictures, stories?

It is not that I cannot find enough to fill the page — I have plenty of material — but I believe that it would make the page much more 'yours' if we could see the things you have written, drawn or thought up. In this long, long holiday, stuck indoors because of the often unpleasant weather, you have bags of time to come up with something I am sure! So, get thinking, drawing and writing — because I am waiting!

Auntie Joyne

CROSSWORD



Across

- 3 Small child full of mischief.
- 6 Carry out an order.
- 7 One of the land areas of the USA.
- 8 Deposited in a nest, perhaps.
- 10 Worker who goes underwater.
- 11 Another name for a chess 'castle'.
- 12 Incline up or down.
- 13 It often hangs in a church steeple.
- 14 Shaving brush used for instance, before a shave.
- 15 Solution in a

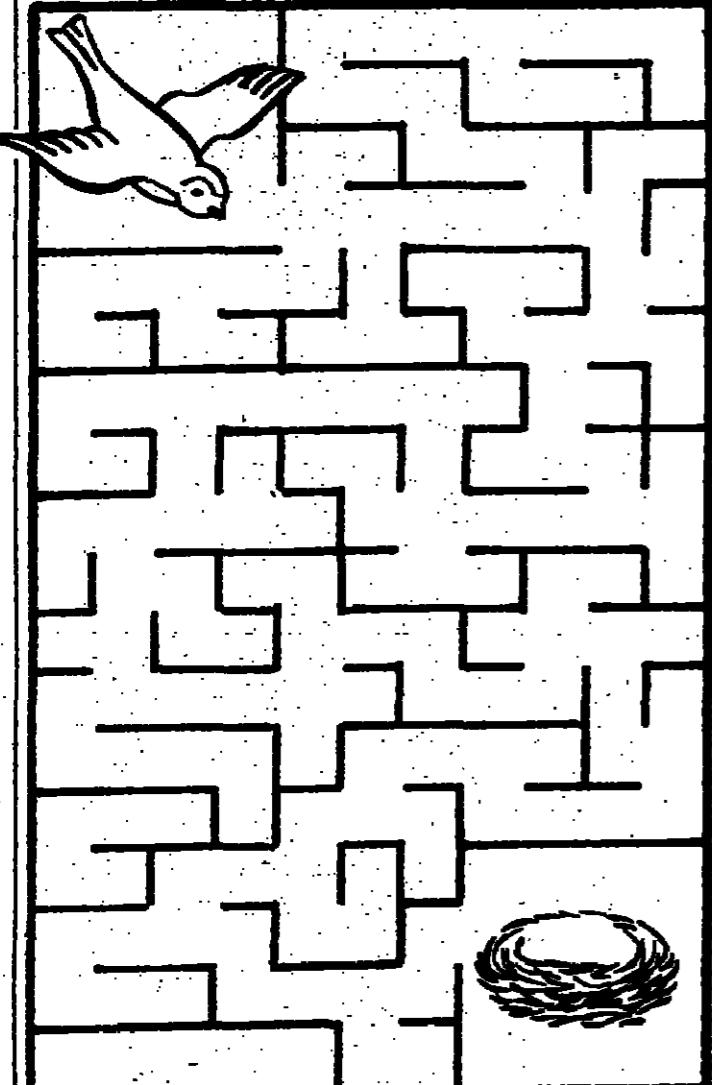
Down

- 1 The planet on which we live.
- 2 Only slightly warm.
- 4 Person who shapes the cloth for a suit.
- 5 An officer in the Merchant Navy.
- 9 Small depression as seen in some people's chins.
- 10 'Tolly', the pirates' flag.
- 11 Cleverness at doing a certain task.
- 12 A solution in a
- 13 It often hangs in a church steeple.
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Solution on Thursday

Solution to 'Triangle tangle': 19 triangles.

HELP THE BIRD FIND ITS NEST



HERCULES was the son of Jupiter, king of the gods. Juno, queen of goddesses, had children of her own, and she hated Hercules, from the moment of his birth; because Jupiter loved him more than he loved her children.

When he was eight months old she had two snakes put near him, to kill him. Hercules, however, strong as a man even in his babyhood, strangled the monsters before they could harm him. Juno then tried, as he grew up, to injure him in other ways. At last she brought upon him an illness that made him mad for a time, and when he was not in his right mind he offended the gods by some evil act.

But as soon as his senses returned to him, the thought of what he had done filled him with deep sorrow.

'What can I do,' he cried in his great distress, 'to wash away the stain of this sin?'

Then a voice from heaven said to him: 'For twelve years you must obey the commands of a king named Eurystheus.'

'You will have to do for him twelve very difficult and dangerous labours. When you have faithfully and patiently obeyed him you will be honoured among men, and rewarded at the end of your life with a place in heaven among the gods.'

On the very day that Hercules started on his journey in life along Virtue's pathway, a messenger came to order him to appear before Eurystheus. Hercules went boldly to the palace, and said he was ready to do all that was

required of him. The crafty king received him with honour, and spoke kindly words to the young hero. But he had made up his mind to give Hercules such difficult tasks to do that he would either be killed in the attempt, or be laughed at by gods and men for failing.

The first of the twelve labours of Hercules was to kill the lion of Nemea that was ravaging a district in the east of Greece. Many an attempt had been made, but without success, to destroy this monster, for fear of which even armed men did not dare at night-time to wander away from their homes.

As soon as Hercules knew in what part the lion was last seen, he boldly went forth to do his duty. In a rocky valley he spied the creature. As he approached with his bow ready strung and an arrow fitted in its place, the animal lashed its tail to and fro in fury, while its roaring shook the ground and echoed among the mountain peaks.

Before the lion had time to spring, Hercules shot an arrow at it, and then, unfastening the club which hung at his side, advanced boldly. Roaring with pain from the wound of the arrow, the creature glared fiercely at him for a few moments, and then bounded away in the direction of its cave in the mountain side.

Hercules went after the lion in swift pursuit, and when he saw it enter the cave he followed. With no

light to guide him, except the glare of two bright eyes shining like stars in the darkness, the hero rushed forward. Seizing the lion by the throat with one hand, with a few swift, powerful blows from the club he soon killed it. Thus did he bring the first of his labours to a successful close.

The second labour of Hercules was to destroy the seven-headed Hydra. He first attacked it with arrows, but as these glanced off the monster's hide without causing a wound, he threw aside his bow and unslung his club. At each of his heavy, swinging blows he knocked off one of the Hydra's heads.

To his dismay, as soon as one head was destroyed, two others at once sprang up in its place. The more he wounded it the fiercer and stronger it grew. Then he called upon a friend who stood watching the combat to make an iron red hot, and, as each head was crushed, to burn the root at the neck. This plan succeeded, and Hercules was hailed joyfully as victor by the people whom he had



and hid there for many days.

For the fifth task Hercules was ordered to make pure and sweet the stables of King Augæus, where three thousand oxen had lived for thirty-nine years without the place being once cleaned. It seemed impossible that the work could be done by one man. But Hercules, who was clever as well as strong, spent several months in cutting a new channel for the stream which flowed near to the stables. He changed the course of the river, so that it flowed as a rushing torrent right through the stables, carrying away to the sea the mountain-like heaps of refuse.

But when Hercules asked for the three hundred oxen which had been promised him if he did the work, the king refused to keep his word. He said that the stables had been cleansed by the river and not by Hercules.

The sixth and seventh labours were the killing of some terrible birds which fed on human flesh, and the capture of a wild bull which had gored to death many people in one of the islands of Greece. Then Hercules prepared for his eighth task. This was to seize the horses of a tyrant king named Diomedes, who for years had been a terror both to his own people and to strangers. Any visitor to the country was made prisoner, and thrown to be devoured by the king's horses, which fed on human flesh; and if one of his subjects chanced to offend him, the same horrible fate was his.

(Continued on Thursday)

When life began

small rodents and became carnivores or herbivores. The herbivores, or grass-eaters, quickly multiplied and in 10 million years had greatly increased in size and were much bigger than the modern sheep.

When the first mammal was discovered

The mammoth is not a true

forerunner of the present-day elephant. Both derive from the same older ancestors.

The mammoth lived in the Quaternary Era and was therefore a contemporary of the first men. Complete examples of this animal, which disappeared tens of thousands of years ago, have been found, perfectly preserved, in the frozen ground of Siberia.

The first discovery of a frozen mammoth was made in Berezovka, in Siberia, in 1899. This was one of the most complete mammoth carcasses ever discovered. Perhaps it had fallen into a deep crevasse in the ice, because its right

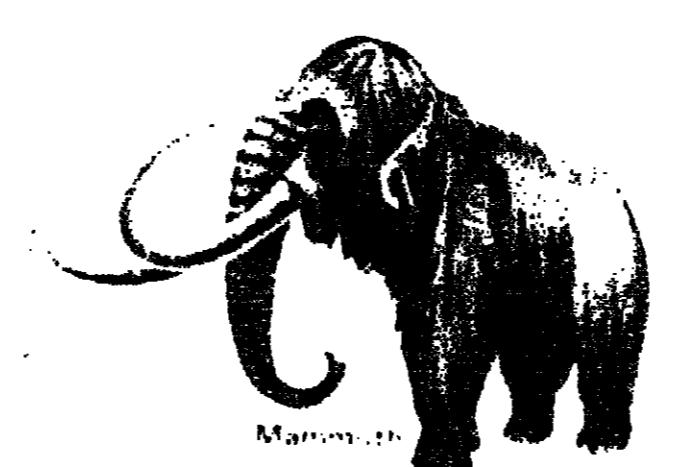
foreleg and the bottom of its back were broken.

As it fell, the mammoth triggered off an avalanche of snow which covered it, wedging it in a grip of ice. For many centuries it stayed buried there like that, until the ice melted. Its body then began to decompose and the foul smell attracted the attention of some passing fur-trappers' dogs.

When the first experts arrived they found that the hair, the skin and even the blood of the mammoth had been perfectly preserved.

Since then, many other bodies of mammoths have been discovered intact in the ice. These discoveries have told us all about the great proboscids with their huge curving tusks which lived in the Great Ice Age but which were very different from the modern African and Indian elephants.

Many stuffed mammoths are to be seen in museums today.

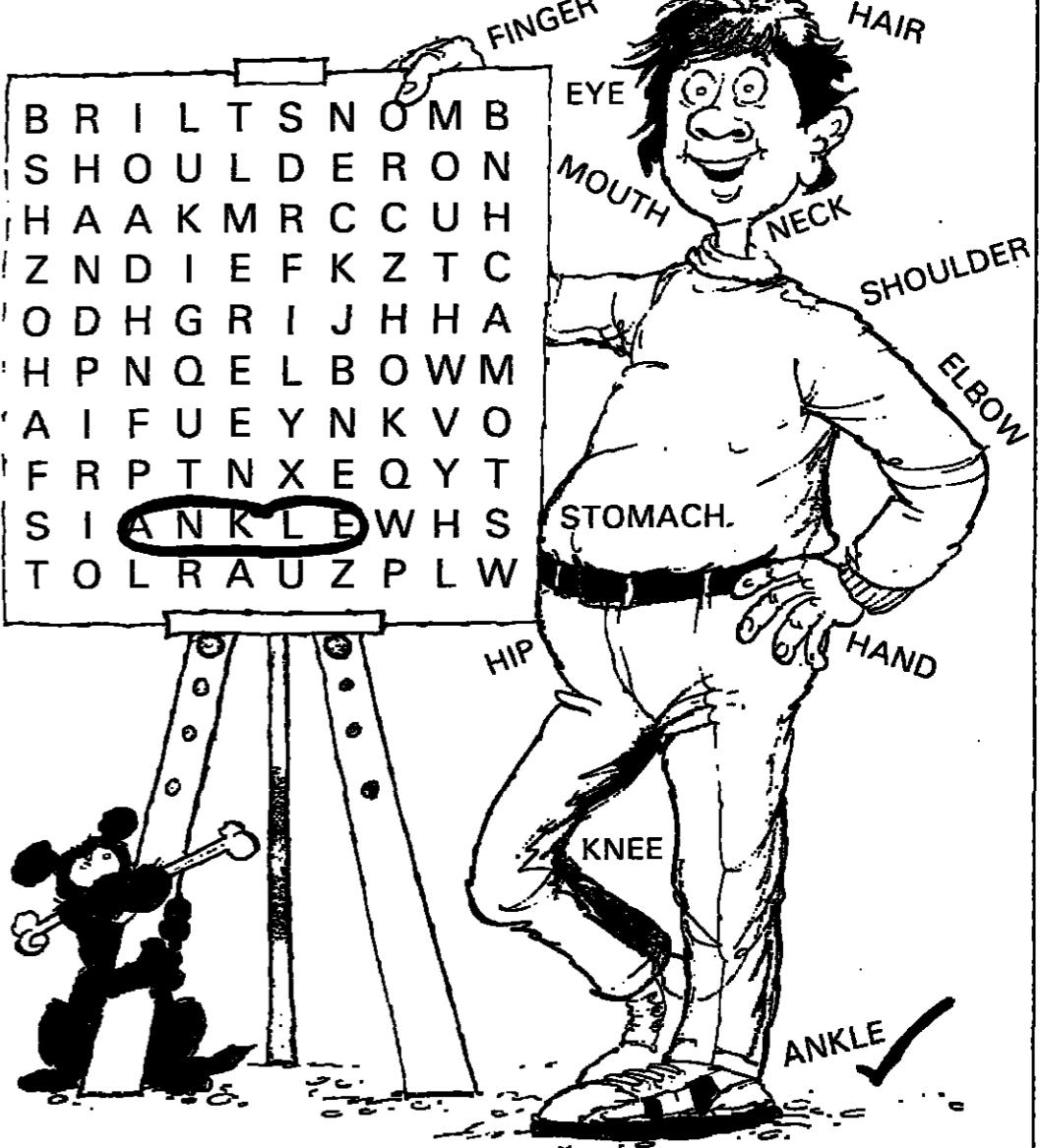


When the giant mammals were alive

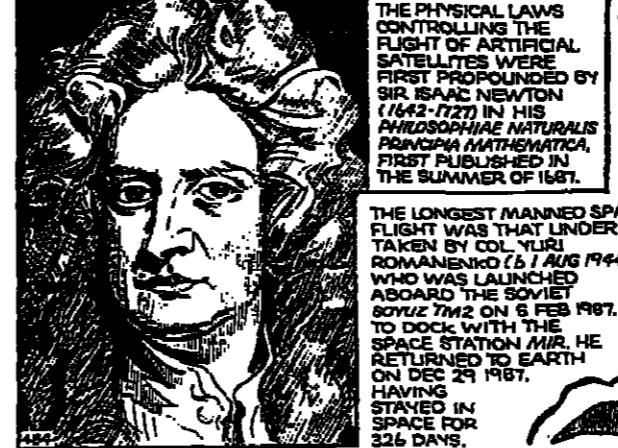
At the same time as the dinosaurs disappeared, about 75 million years ago, the mammals made a great advance. Numerous branches developed from the primitive stock of mostly

Body brainstorm

The names of twelve parts of your body are hidden in this box of letters. Can you find them? You can go up or down — backwards, forwards or diagonally — to complete a name.



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NEW YORK, July 4. (AP): Montreal's John Dopsos came up one out short of his first Major League shutout — and a place in the record books.

The Montreal right-hander lost what would have been a history-making 14-hitter yesterday on Dion James' two-out, two-run single in the top of the ninth. Andy McGaffigan relieved and struck out Dale Murphy to end the game as the Expos beat Atlanta Braves 9-2.

"It's a shame that I couldn't finish the game but I just ran out of gas," Dopsos said. "I started feeling tired in the seventh, but I thought I had enough to get myself through."

The Expos did everything possible to help Dopsos. They turned three double plays and prevented a run in the bottom of the ninth when right fielder Mitch Webster made a running over-the-shoulder catch on a drive by Ron Gant.

Dopsos, 2-5, walked one and struck out three as he won for the first time since May 18.

Mets 5, Astros 0

Sid Fernandez had little trouble with the Astros, allowing only two hits and striking out 12 to hand Nolan Ryan his fifth straight loss. Nolan Ryan, 5-7, failed for the seventh time in a bid to record his 100th victory with Houston.

Reds 3, Phillies 2

Danny Jackson pitched a three-hitter to beat Philadelphia for the third time this season and Eric Davis doubled in the go-ahead run for Cincinnati. The Reds went ahead in the fourth against Kevin Gross, 8-4, when Paul O'Neill led off with his eighth homer.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 1

Chicago's Rick Sutcliffe combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter and Mark Grace drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning. Pat Perry came in with one out and a runner on first in the eighth and retired the side. Les Lancaster retired the final batter of the game and earned his fourth save.

Giants 4, Pirates 0

Kerry Davis pitched a three-hitter for his third shutout of the season and Kevin Mitchell drove in three runs for San Francisco. Brett Butler led off the first with a walk against Dunne, 3-7, and later scored on Mitchell's sacrifice fly.

Cardinals 5, Padres 4

Tom Brumanski hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning as St Louis won for only the sixth time in 22 games. Todd Worrell, 4-4, got the victory despite allowing a two-run homer to Gary Templeton in the bottom of the eighth.

White Sox 4, Yankees 3

After New York took a 3-2 lead in the top of the 10th on Dave Winfield's RBI single, Harold Baines opened the Chicago half of the inning with a walk. Bobby Thigpen relieved to start the eighth and the Yankees tied the score of Rickey Henderson's double and singles by Don Mattingly, Jack Clark and Wimfield.

Athletics 9, Blue Jays 8

Jose Canseco, whose 23 homers lead the Majors, hit a two-run shot in the first inning and a solo homer in the sixth off Toronto starter Todd Stottlemyre. Todd Burns, Oakland's sixth pitcher, allowed two hits in 4-2-3 innings for his first Major League victory.

Results

American League			
Team	W	L	
Seattle	7	Cleveland	6
California	10	Detroit	4
Milwaukee	4	Minnesota	3
Oakland	9	Toronto	8
Chicago	4	New York	3
Kansas City	3	Boston	2
Texas	13	Baltimore	2
National League			
Montreal	9	Atlanta	2
New York	5	Houston	0
Cincinnati	3	Philadelphia	2
Chicago	2	Los Angeles	1
St Louis	5	San Diego	4
San Francisco	5	Pittsburgh	0

Standings

National League East		
Team	W	L
New York	52	29
Pittsburgh	44	36
Chicago	43	36
Montreal	39	41
St Louis	38	42
Philadelphia	35	43

National League West

Team	W	L
Los Angeles	45	33
San Francisco	41	38
Houston	41	40
Cincinnati	37	43
San Diego	36	46
Atlanta	27	51

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19-12

MOROCCO LOSES BID BY THREE VOTES

US to host 1994 World Cup finals

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 4. (Reuter): The United States won the right to host the 1994 World Cup finals, taking the tournament away from the traditional soccer centres of Europe and South America for the first time.

The executive committee of the International Football Federation (FIFA) voted to accept the US bid over two other candidates, Morocco and Brazil.

The United States won 10 votes, Morocco seven and Brazil two. FIFA's senior vice-president Harry Cavan announced.

Cavan, of northern Ireland, chaired the committee meeting. FIFA's Brazilian president Joao Havelange had earlier made clear he would neither vote nor chair the meeting.

Held

Since its inauguration in 1930, the four-yearly World Cup has always been held in either Europe, South or Central America. The 1986 Cup took place in Mexico and the 1990 finals will be held in Italy.

A second Brazilian on the 21-strong executive committee, Nuno d'Almeida, also did not vote; officials said. Neither the United States nor Morocco is represented on the decision-making body.

The vote in favour of the US bid had been widely expected. All sides acknowledged the Americans had a strong case in terms of the massive infrastructure and economic strength required to stage a 24-nation, month-long tournament involving anything up to 18 stadiums or cities.

Even before the decision was announced the president of the



Fricker (left) holds a replica of the World Cup trophy with Havelange after the decision. (Reuter wirephoto)

Brazilian Soccer Federation, Octavio Pinto Guimaraes, said the tie was cast.

"We no longer have any interest in the outcome. The Brazilian government has not given us the necessary financial support, so we have no chance," he said.

Driss Bamous, president of the Moroccan Soccer Federation, said the vote had its positive aspects for his and other countries.

US Soccer Federation

president Werner Fricker said he was pleased 15 months of hard work, lobbying and preparing the bid had paid off. "It is a tremendous feeling of relief that it is all over," Fricker said.

He rejected suggestions that FIFA's decision was made on business rather than sporting grounds and countered criticisms that the United States did not have the expertise in soccer necessary to host a World Cup finals series.

"We do not rule out the possibility that we will co-opt people with experience in world soccer for our World Cup," Yugoslav

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were both fully considered. But Brazil was beset by economic and financial hardship and that Morocco would be considered favourably if it bid again for the right to hold the 1998 World Cup.

Progress

The American presentation to FIFA put forward 18 stadiums as possible World Cup sites, including the Pasadena Rose Bowl where the first 100,000 crowds ever in the United States for soccer were recorded during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

The success of the Olympic tournament, where soccer was the best attended spectator sport of the whole games, played a large role in persuading FIFA that the United States, where soccer is not a principal sport, was ready to organise a championship such as the World Cup.

Fricker said after hearing the decision, "The US is rich in soccer tradition, sorry, football tradition. Football has been played in the US for over 100 years and our federation is over 75 years old."

The sport is called football all over the world, except in the US where it has always been called soccer in deference to American football.

Fricker added, "we are not a major power like Italy or Brazil, but we are developing."

"We have a youth programme which has really mushroomed and our junior national team has made just unbelievable progress. We have about 10-12 million players in the US."

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The US national team caused one of the biggest shocks in World Soccer Cup history in 1950 when it beat a mighty England 1-0 in Brazil.

It also reached the semifinals of the first World Cup competition in Uruguay in 1930, but it has failed to qualify for the finals for 38 years, and only meets occasional moderate success against other minnows like Luxembourg, Iceland and Malta.

US teams qualified for the finals of the latest under-16 championship and the current World Youth Championship, as well as this year's Olympic tournament in Seoul.

Koeman not joining United, says PSV

AMSTERDAM, July 4. (Reuter): European Cup holders PSV Eindhoven yesterday squashed speculation that their international libero Ronald Koeman might join English First Division club Manchester United.

Koeman is not for sale. He has just signed a new four-year contract here, PSV chairman Jacques Rits told Reuters.

"There have certainly been no negotiations between Manchester United and Koeman, indeed no contact at all," he said.

Member

According to recent newspaper reports, United were keen to sign the 25-year-old Koeman, a key member of the Dutch side which won the European Championship last month.

Sweden's world high jump champion Patrik Sjoeberg returns to the arena where he broke the world record last year. His opposition includes West German's Olympic champion Dietmar Moegenburg and world indoor record holder Carlo Thraenhardt.

In the women's events, East German world silver medalist Heike Drechsler runs over 100 metres in a field which includes world and European indoor 60 metres champion Nellie Cooman of the Netherlands.

Bicentennial Cup

SYDNEY, Australia, July 4. (AP): Calgary Winter Olympic Games gold medalist Hubert Strobl of Austria heads the entry list for the Bicentennial Cup ski series at Thredbo next month.

Strobl, winner of the Combined Alpine skiing gold medal in Calgary, will lead a strong Austrian team in the event, which is scheduled for August 27-28.

Little takes Vancouver title

COQUITLAM, B.C., July 4. (Reuter): Sally Little holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win the \$500,000 Vancouver Classic golf tournament by one stroke yesterday over Laura Davies of Britain.

Little ended a six-year victory drought on the women's professional golf tour by winning the tournament and the \$75,000 top prize. The 36-year-old native South African shot a final round of one-under-par 71 for a 279 total.

Davies, who won the US Open last year, closed with a two-under-par 70 for 280. Third place went to American Sherri Turner



• Manuel Ruiz "Manili" was gored in the chin by this 488-kilogramme bull during a bullfight at the Las Ventas bullring, in Madrid, yesterday. Manili was later treated in the bullring infirmary for cuts and scratches, but was not seriously hurt in the scrap. (Reuter wirephoto)

Benepe scores victory in Western tournament

OAK HILL, Ill., July 4. (Reuter): Jim Benepe, a local favourite playing in his first PGA Tour event, made the most of a free pass into the Western Open golf tournament by winning the title by one stroke yesterday.

The 24-year-old Benepe, who began the final 18 holes four shots off the pace, fired a under-70 for a 72-hole total of 278 that brought him a \$162,000 first-prize check.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Benepe, a graduate of nearby Northwestern University who received a sponsor's exemption four days before the start of the tournament.

Nothing

"This is just starting to sink in a little bit. I had plans to play in Europe this summer, so I had nothing to lose. I wanted to stay within myself and just go for it."

Benepe said he planned to try his hand at qualifying for the British Open.

American Peter Jacobsen, the second and third-round leader, shot to 75 to finish alone in second at 279.

Japanese Isao Aoki and American Brad Faxon both posted 69 to finish joint third on

280.

Jacobsen still had a chance to win as he approached the final hole. The two were tied at 11 under par through 17 holes with Benepe playing in the group before Jacobsen.

On 18, Benepe missed a five-foot putt to fall to 10-under. After his tee-shot on 18, Jacobsen hit his second shot into the water on the right of the green. He took a drop, then chipped out to within 25 feet of the cup. His putt slid by and he carded a double bogey as Benepe won by a stroke.

The win for Benepe, who played in Australia and Asia and led the Canadian PGA money list last year with \$51,000, means he is now automatically qualified on the Tour through 1990.

For Jacobsen, his four-year victory drought continues. His last title came in the 1984 Greater Hartford Open.

"On 18, I just misclipped," Jacobsen said. "I saw Jim (Benepe) miss his putt and I knew I could win with par. I tried to hit my ball to the right of the hole with a six iron. I thought it was right, but it wasn't. When I saw where it went I knew it was an automatic six."

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The victor, who became an American citizen in 1982, said a confidence-boosting, six-foot putt for par on 17 set her up for the decisive 18th.

S. Korea among top seeds for Games baseball

SEOUL, South Korea, July 4.

SPORTS**BECKER LOSES AFTER WINNING FIRST SET**

Edberg takes Wimbledon crown

LONDON, July 4. (Reuters): Third seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden showed the touch of a master as he dismantled the power game of West Germany's former champion Boris Becker to win the Wimbledon men's singles final 6-7 6-4 6-2 today.

The sixth-seeded Becker, champion here in 1985 and 1986, captured a first set that spanned nearly 21 hours having started last evening when only 22 minutes' play was possible and having been interrupted again after a delayed resumption today.

At this point, it seemed the 20-year-old Becker was romping to his third title in four years, using his strong right arm to crush Edberg just as he had his previous six opponents for the loss of just one set.

But Edberg, 22, in his first Wimbledon final, refused to be intimidated and in the last three sets played serve-and-volley tennis of the very highest quality to inflict the first centre-court defeat on Becker in 15 singles matches.

Flat

In his moment of triumph, Edberg, normally the most undemonstrative of men, fell flat on his back on tennis' most famous stage before going to the net to shake the shattered Becker's hand.

Becker, swaggering and confident while in charge of the match in the early stages, had been completely overwhelmed by the end. Edberg, the first Swede to win here since Bjorn Borg in 1980, conceded just 11 service points in the last two sets after squaring the match by winning the second-set tiebreak 7-2.

Edberg's victory in two hours 51 minutes was worth £165,000 (\$297,000) and denied West Germany a sweep of the singles titles following Steffi Graf's victory on Saturday in the women's final.

The first set took a total of 40 minutes' playing time but was twice interrupted by rain — after 22 minutes last evening and after a further 16 minutes this afternoon.

Stevenson hangs up his gloves

HAVANA, July 4. (Reuters): Cuban boxer Teofilo Stevenson, who won the Olympic heavyweight title three times and rejected a million dollars to turn professional, has formally hung up his gloves at the age of 36.

People in his home town of Last Tunas in eastern Cuba lined the streets yesterday to give Stevenson a hero's farewell after he announced during an international boxing contest that he was quitting the ring.

Stevenson, who won 301 of the 321 bouts he fought during a career spanning 22 years, was the only man besides Hungary's Laszlo Papp to have won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in boxing, at the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Games.

BRIDGE

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1. Mamdouh & Ahmed Tawil
2. Magdi Wessari & Sheria Basouni
3. Abdul Latif Deasi & Softan Ali



Becker looks away from the centre court after missing a shot. (Reuter wirephoto)



Edberg runs to send forehand return to Becker. (Reuter wirephoto)

Whereas it was Edberg who began so positively yesterday when he won the first three games for the loss of only four points and had a point for a 4-0 lead, it was the sixth-seeded West German who made a fast-and-furious opening today.

The resumption was delayed for two hours during which time Becker warmed up at Wimbledon's indoor facilities and the benefit of this preparation was quickly apparent as he grabbed 12 of the first 15 points to move from 2-3 overnight to 5-3 ahead.

Break

Having held serve to level at 3-3, he broke Edberg with some impressive returns, none more so than a reflex backhand after the Swede had presented him with break points with his first double fault of the match.

Becker served out to love in the eighth game and then came close

to capturing Edberg's serve again in the ninth when he rattled the Swede with a fierce backhand whipped straight at his body.

That stroke took to set point and it was Edberg's credit that he responded calmly to the crisis with a backhand volley, another winner in the forecast and a service winner to the former champion's backhand.

The rain returned at this point with Becker poised to serve for the set. They were off court for 98 minutes but it took Becker only two more to wrap up the set. A crunching first volley and two service winners gave the West German three set points.

Although Edberg saved the first wonderfully well, running in to hit a backhand winner, he was always under pressure from a big Becker serve on the second and this time his much-admired

backhand failed him as he buried the ball in the net.

Signs that Edberg was feeling the pressure emerged in the first game of the second set in which he served two double faults before holding for a 1-0 lead.

But he looked altogether more composed in the next game in which Becker had to produce two big serves to pull back from 15-40. Edberg achieved another break point with heavily disguised backhand pass before Becker won the game with two pugnacious volleys.

The score moved to 3-3 without either man's service coming under pressure. Becker winning the sixth game to love when Edberg's backhand, normally so reliable, failed him four times.

In the next two games, though, both men had to fend off break points. Edberg, after he had served a double fault in the

seventh game and Becker in the

next when the Swede hit a brilliant return to the former champion's feet.

Edberg was desperately close to clinching the break for a 5-3 lead, his attempted backhand pass rippling just into the top of the net. Becker was stung into action and his third and fourth aces of the match restored parity at 4-4.

Marvellous

In the next four games, only three points went against serve. Becker taking the set into a tiebreak when he had to love in the 12th game with a marvellous lob after an Edberg backhand had toppled off the top of the net.

Edberg seized the initiative in the tiebreak by winning the first five points. Becker rallied briefly with two service winners to pull back to 3-2 but Edberg, with a couple of winning serves of his own, clinched it 7-2 to level the match at one-set all.

Edberg was now in the ascendancy and achieved the first break since the opening set when he captured Becker's delivery for a 2-1 lead in the third.

The Swede brilliantly controlled a serve struck wide to his forehand to reach break point and then bore down on a kicking second serve with a backhand that was just inside the line.

Becker's frustration was starting to show itself and when he petulantly hurled his racket aside after going 30-0 down in the fourth game, umpire Gerry Armstrong gave him an official warning for equipment abuse. Edberg won that game to love to lead 3-1.

Becker held the next game but again there were clear signs of an inner anger. After slipping at the net, a fall that brought a perfect winning lob from Edberg, the West German swiped at the court surface, suggesting he blamed it for his undignified tumble.

Not for the first time in the match, Edberg had to make self-defence volley at the net when Becker drove the ball straight at him in the sixth game. If the Swede was intimidated, he did

not show it and held to 15 for a 4-2 lead.

Becker served two double faults in the next game before holding but Edberg was now serving as sweetly as at any time during the match and when he came to serve for the set at 5-4 he had conceded only four points in his last four service games.

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At the start of the fourth set, Becker, 20, looked dispirited by the quality of Edberg's play. He dropped his service in the opening game, serving his seventh double fault of the match on the second break point.

He sat on the chair during the change-over chastising himself and practising the strokes that had begun to let him down.

That final point, which earned Edberg the winner's check, came 22 hours and 38 minutes after the first ball of the match was struck.



Edberg kisses the championship trophy after his victory over Becker. (Reuter wirephoto)

Games went with serve until the fifth game when Edberg broke again, to 15. The Swede took a 4-1 lead when Becker's attempt to intercept a passing shot flew wide.

In the eighth and final game, Edberg opened a 30-0 lead but the West German found some inspiration on his service returns to level at 30-30. Edberg put away a high forehand volley at the net to earn match point.

Induced

Becker, 20, seemed set to keep the match alive when a driven forehand induced a defensive volley from Edberg that looped over the net. With the court open, Becker raced in, snatched at the shot and netted the ball.

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ICC may delay decision on S. African links ban

LONDON, July 4. (Reuters): A decision on West Indies' call for a Test cricket ban on players who have future sporting links with South Africa looks like being delayed until January.

The vote, when it is finally taken, could split Test cricket into black and white factions.

The proposal is due to be debated at the two-day International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting at Lord's starting tomorrow.

Expected

But because of legal uncertainty, cricket sources said it was expected that a decision would not be made until a special meeting in January.

ICC officials are believed to be taking a cautious stand to avoid the eventual decision being challenged in the courts.

Another complication is that the ICC also has to decide whether England and Australia, as founder members, can use their power of veto to scuttle the resolution.

Three motions are on the table following the findings of a committee set up last year to look into West Indies' call.

They are understood to be a complete ban, an option for home countries to ban visiting players, or no change.

English cricketers are strongly opposed to the West Indian proposal because they feel it would be a restraint of trade on young cricketers who spend winters coaching and playing in South Africa to aid their development.

Also on the agenda is the venue of the 1991 World Cup. India and Pakistan have already put in a joint bid of £3 million (\$5 million) to stage the tournament, despite having hosted last year's event. The ICC may, however, decide on a strict rule.

Amount

Other matters to be discussed include over rates, short-pitched bowling, weight of bats, amending standards and the amount of international cricket being played.

The ICC are also concerned about their own reputation. The meeting will discuss a report aimed at strengthening their powers both for getting things done and punishing countries who step out of line.

Yorkshire win on rain-hit day

LONDON, July 4. (Reuters): Kevin Sharp hit a breezy 56 from 58 deliveries to guide Yorkshire to the only win of the day as rain washed out all the remaining fixtures in the English Sunday League.

Despite an undefeated 66 from Laurie Potter, Yorkshire held Leicestershire to 172 for three in their 40 overs and then had little trouble passing the total with 14 balls to spare.

In the only other match to get

Soviets to face world team in chess match

BELFORT, France, July 4. (AP): A chess match between teams representing the Soviet Union and the rest of the world will be held next March 19-25 in Gent, Belgium, the chief organizer said yesterday.

Ily Iliciki, a Belgian chess master who lives in London, said the event would consist of four rounds between teams of 10. Each team will have eight men, one woman and one junior.

"The Soviets said this time they couldn't be certain of winning the match," Iliciki said.

There have been two similar previous clashes, both won narrowly by the Soviets.

In 1970 in Belgrade, the Soviets defeated a world team that included Bobby Fischer by 20.5-19.5.

In 1984, the Soviet team defeated the world 21-19 in a contest staged in London. A win scores one point and a draw a half.

The Soviet team is expected to be led by world champion Garry Kasparov, with the former titleholder, Anatoly Karpov on board two.

Rating

The world team will be based on the bi-annual world rating list and consultations with the leading players, Iliciki said.

On the July 1 rating list, the leading non-Soviets is British grandmaster Nigel Short who is third-ranked in the world.

The other leading non-Soviets are Jonathan Speelman of Britain, who is ranked fifth, sixth-placed Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Hungarian grandmasters Lajos Portisch and Zoltan Ribli, who are ranked in seventh and ninth places.

Ulf Andersson of Sweden and John Nunn of Britain are tied for the 10th ranking. Johann Hjartarson of Iceland placed 14th and Yasser Seriwan, America's leading player, is tied for 16th.



Imran faces TCCB hearing over criticism of umpire

LONDON, July 4. (Reuters): Pakistan captain Imran Khan was ordered yesterday to appear before the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for criticising English Test umpire David Constant in a new book.

Imran's county club Sussex have been banned from selling the book, "All round view," published yesterday — until after the hearing.

Panel

Imran and Constant clashed during last year's Pakistan series in England. The Pakistanis tried unsuccessfully to have the umpire removed from the Test panel after disputed decisions in the second Test at Lord's.

A TCCB spokesman said the hearing would be held next week.

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Bauer puts on the yellow jersey after winning the first stage. (Reuter wirephoto)



The riders pass between the picket line of strikers at a Saint-Nazaire shipyard. (Reuter wirephoto)

two other riders — Soeren Lilholt of Denmark and Nico Verhoeven of the Netherlands — had emerged with the same final time as the Canadian.

Lilholt and Verhoeven, along with Roger Illegems of Belgium and Teun van Vliet of the Netherlands, at one time established a lead of one minute 16 seconds over the pack before being caught 20 kms from Machecoul.

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